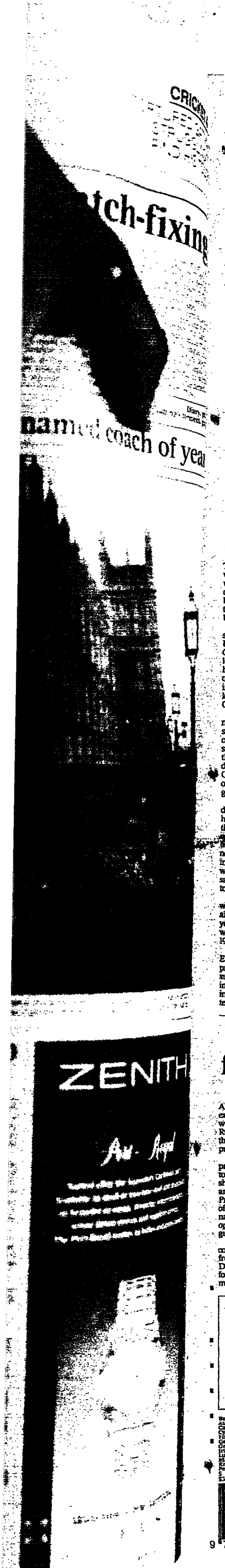
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£6 billion fraud bill for Brussels

Euro revolt 'could cause an election'

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR, AND WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN STRASBOURG

TORY Euro-rebels were warned last night that they *would precipitate a general* election if they defeated legislation increasing Britain's contribution to the European Union.

In a *surprise attempt to* stifle revolt on one of the key Bills to be unveiled in the Queen's Speech today, the leader of the Conservative backbenchers said any defeat on the Bill would be seen as an issue of confidence that could lead to the fall of the Government.

Sir Marcus Fox, the chairman of the 1922 Committee, said: "I am asking all my colleagues to appreciate the seriousness of the situation. If there is any amendment or defeat, the consequences to the Government are quite obvious. *We shall end up with a* general election."

His strictures came on the day that Euro-sceptics were handed valuable evidence for *their campaign. An official* report that revealed a £6 billion epidemic of crookedness, waste and incompetence in the spending of EU funds *was seized on by MPs who* said it justified their resistance to the Bill.

Ministers say the legislation will add £75 million to Britain's EU contribution next year and the additional dues will rise to £250 million by 1999.

The annual report, by the *European Court of Auditors*, prompted senior ministers to support the principle of blocking funds to countries with inadequate monitoring systems. The timing of the report



Fox: MPs must appreciate seriousness of situation

was, however, embarrassing for the Government on the eve of the state opening of Parliament.

Sir Marcus's intervention was part of a co-ordinated assault by ministers who are pointing out that the Government would be reneging on its international obligations if it failed to get the Bill through. *The sceptics will view his* remarks, which are unlikely to have been made without the knowledge of the whips and No 10, as a sign that the *Government fears they will* make common cause with Labour to try to pass a wrecking amendment, as occurred with the Maastricht Bill.

Although Labour will not oppose the new Bill in principle, it may still make the issue of more money for Brussels dependent on an amendment calling for introduction of the social chapter or reform of the common agricultural policy.

The new Bill, which will have the full support of the Prime Minister, arises from an agreement drawn up at the Edinburgh summit two years ago when Britain held the presidency of the Union. Sir Marcus said he was giving a "very firm message to my colleagues not to mess about".

He said: "It is the most serious issue that has faced us since the last general election. There is no hidden agenda. All we are being asked to do is to *honour an agreement made* during our presidency of the EC in 1992 at the Edinburgh summit."

Yesterday André Middelhoek, *the president of the court* that compiled the report, said: "Fraud exists everywhere, there's no question of it just being something that happens *in one country as opposed to* another."

He said nobody had a clue about the true scale of the problem. "If we knew the extent of fraud, it would be far easier to tackle the problem. But fraud in the EU is being perpetrated on too wide and too high a scale," Mr Middelhoek said.

"Eighty per cent of the Euro-budget is distributed by the *member states. Therefore they* are largely responsible." He added: "I believe the fraud notified to the Commission does not reflect the true picture."

William Cash, the leading Tory Euro-sceptic, questioned the extent to which British taxpayers should continue to pour money into this "bottomless, fraudulent pit".

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TONY WHITE



Sarah Hogg who has resigned as the head of the Prime Minister's policy unit

Sarah Hogg going as Major renews kitchen cabinet

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

JOHN Major is to appoint new policy chiefs at Downing Street and Conservative Central Office as he completes a sweep of his key backroom staff in preparation for the next general election.

Sarah Hogg, the Prime Minister's closest adviser for the past four years, is leaving Downing Street early next year after a successor has been *found. Jonathan Hill*, Mr Major's political secretary, is to be replaced by Howell James, a presentational expert and former corporate affairs director at the BBC. Andrew Lansley, head of the Conservative research department, is to leave Central Office shortly and hopes to become a parliamentary candidate.

By far the most significant move is the decision of Mrs Hogg, 48, *to leave her job as* head of the Prime Minister's policy unit which she has held since December 1990.

She has been blamed by *MPs for some of Mr Major's* policy failures, including the back-to-basics campaign. But Downing Street stressed that she was resigning at her request and it is known that she told Mr Major in the summer that she wanted to give her successor time to prepare for the next election.

The policy chief is effectively in charge of writing the next manifesto. Mr Major has *drawn up a short-list of candi*dates to replace Mrs Hogg. It is understood not to include her deputy, Nick True.

After the departure of Sir *Graham Bright, the Prime* Minister's parliamentary private secretary, and Gus O'Donnell, the press secretary, who was replaced by Christopher Meyer, the changes will complete a turnaround in the kitchen cabinet.

The announcement had not been intended yesterday, but it was hurried out after Mr Major learnt that news of Mrs Hogg's intended departure had leaked.

Senior MPs were impressed with appointment of Mr James. A former adviser to Lord Young in Baroness Thatcher's Cabinet, he went on to the BBC and has since been director of corporate and government affairs at Cable and Wireless. In the run-up to *the 1987 election, Mr James* played an important role in helping Lord Young to minimise the electoral impact of record levels of unemployment.

Mr Hill is returning to Sir Tim Bell's Lowe-Bell Communications as a senior consultant.

Mr Major delivered a warm tribute to Mrs Hogg. "Her contribution has been enormous. *Her staunchness and* her wise advice have been of incalculable value," he said. "Sarah's decision to pursue other interests is a great loss to *her friends and colleagues at* No 10. Her contribution has been enormous. Norma and I appreciate her not just as a colleague but as a close friend. She leaves No 10 with our heartfelt good wishes."

He pointed to the role of Mrs Hogg and Mr Hill in helping him to win the 1992 election against the odds.

Mr Major said of Mr Hill: "I could not have asked for *anyone more loyal or hard*working than Jonathan. He will now have the chance to see more of his young and growing family and he leaves with *my warmest* good wishes. I will long remember his contribution to the 1992 election campaign when he was by my side throughout, drawing on apparent inexhaustible resources of enthusiasm and good humour".

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US seeks backing for Nato expansion

BY MICHAEL EVANS AND MARTIN FLETCHER

AMERICA is pressing for the *expansion of Nato eastwards* without causing a breach with Russia. It is attempting to do this with the agreement of the present alliance members.

Washington wants Nato to present such a deal next year to all 23 members of Partnership for Peace, the existing arrangement unveiled by President Clinton last January offering former Warsaw Pact nations closer military co-*operation with Nato but no* guarantee of membership.

The signals from America coincided last night with calls from Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, for the formation of an Atlantic Community to strengthen ties between Europe and North *America. He called for a* relationship that spread far wider than the Nato alliance. Although defence and security would remain a key part of the relationship, there were other issues that underlined the "abiding friendship between *Europe and North America*".

Speaking to the Pilgrims Society in London, Mr Rifkind said his idea of an Atlantic Community would embrace the shared belief in parliamentary democracy, capitalism and free trade. With this *common destiny, it was not* surprising that the new Central and Eastern European democracies were now anxious to "participate in the Western family of nations".

However, he emphasised that their needs were wider *than any purely military deal.* "We should encourage a deepening and ripening of Atlanticist values in Central and Eastern Europe so that they can in due course fully participate in such an Atlantic Community," he said.

Reynolds fails to defuse Dublin coalition crisis

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

THE future of the government of the Irish Republic hung in the balance last night after *Labour members of the ruling* coalition said they were disappointed with a statement by Albert Reynolds that was designed to defuse the political *crisis in Dublin.*

Labour members of the Dail (parliament) described the Prime Minister's statement as flawed and said that it did not go far enough to meet their objections over a senior legal appointment.

The MPs huddled in groups outside the chamber after Mr Reynolds's speech which went some way towards endorsing Labour's criticisms of the Attorney-General's office over a delay in dealing with extradition warrants against a Roman Catholic priest accused of paedophile offences.

Labour sources said last night that Dick Spring, the party leader and Deputy Prime Minister, was likely to give his response to the statement today. One senior source said that the chances of the government's surviving were slim, adding: "It doesn't look terrific. It's tricky." Jim Kemmy, chairman of the Labour Party, said: "I am disappointed with the response of the Taoiseach (Prime Minister)." Members of Mr Reynolds's Fianna Fail party said they hoped there was enough in the Prime Minister's speech to satisfy Labour.



Reynolds: Labour says Dail speech was flawed

However, a senior government source, asked about the coalition's chances said: "It is *too close to call.*"

In a lengthy statement to a packed sitting of the Dail, Mr Reynolds described the seven-month delay in dealing with extradition warrants against Father Brendan Smyth as totally unacceptable. Mr Reynolds said he took responsibility for the fact that the system of examining extradition warrants in the Attorney-General's Office was not changed earlier and promised that the process would be radically changed.

He said: "On my own behalf, and on behalf of the government, I wish to express my deep regret to the Irish people for the delays that occurred. I give a solemn assurance in this House today that such a situation will never *arise again.*"

Mr Spring led a walkout by Labour ministers from Friday's Cabinet meeting after

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Three holiday Britons drown

Three British holidaymakers drowned yesterday while swimming in the sea near the resort of Paphos in Cyprus.

Police identified the three victims as David Haldane, 58, his wife Moira, and their friend Margo Bryson, 55, all *from Glasgow. John Bryson*, 55, was rescued from the sea by passers-by and last night was recovering in hospital. The group had arrived on the island a week ago.

Canoe trip 'folly'

A canoe expedition of eight pupils, a teacher and two novice instructors, which ended with four teenagers drowned, was "nothing short of utter folly". Winchester Crown Court was told yesterday.....**Page 3**

Former MP dies

Humphry Berkeley, the former Conservative MP whose private member's Bill led to legalised homosexuality in *1966, died yesterday. Mr Berke*ley, who was 68, later stood as a parliamentary candidate for Labour and the SDP.

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BT offers families the chance to dial M for movies

BY ROSS TIEMAN
INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

AN EXPERIMENT which could revolutionise shopping and television watching is to be launched by British Telecom next year in the homes of 2,500 families in East Anglia. Customers are to be offered the chance to watch old films and television programmes, book holidays, do their supermarket *shop and buy books* without leaving home.

Viewers will be able to choose whatever service they want from a *menu on their television screens and* the material will appear on their sets without affecting the normal telephone line. Selected homes in Ipswich and Colchester will be the first to be offered the facility.

The trial is a triumph for staff at BT's Martlesham research laboratories in Suffolk, where the technology was developed. Subscribers will have an Apple Macintosh computer con*nected to their televisions to enable* them to select services.

Many of Britain's leading television and retailing companies are taking *part in the six-month experiment.* When the trial starts, in the middle of next year, viewers will be able to select an evening's viewing from a choice of 1,000 hours of programmes and films. Thanks to the technology, more than 1,000 families will be able to watch the same film, even if they all choose to start at different times.

A consortium of television companies, including the BBC, Carlton, *Granada and Pearson, publisher of* the *Financial Times*, will provide the viewing channels. BSkyB will supply additional sports programmes, while *EMI, PolyGram, Sony Music and* Warner Music will provide a variety of listening. Users will be able also to call up travel information from Thomas Cook, and make bookings.

Clothes and sports equipment will be available from Olympus, Adams and Freemans, while W.H. Smith will offer books, CDs and videos. Groceries will be available from Safeway. And educational programmes will be *supplied by the Open University.*

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Hogg's departure is no surprise to her Tory critics

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

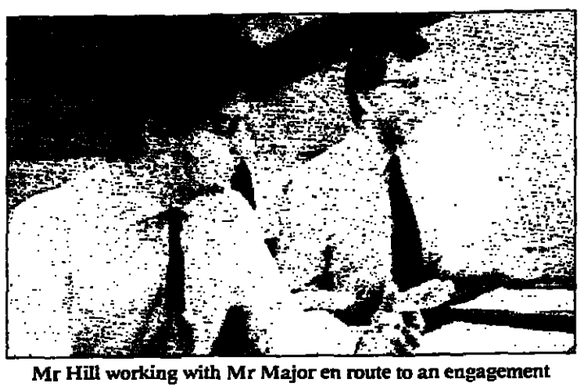
THE past four years have not been easy for Sarah Hogg. British membership of the exchange-rate mechanism, a policy she championed outside and inside No 10, proved a fiasco and Back to Basics, intended to be the unifying theme of John Major's administration, became an embarrassing failure earlier this year.

So it came as little surprise at Westminster yesterday that Mrs Hogg, aged 48, is shortly to leave her post as head of the Downing Street policy unit. Her impending departure coincided with the announcement that Jonathan Hill, aged 33, is to resign as Mr Major's political secretary and take up a senior post with Sir Tim Bell's public relations company.

But while the self-effacing Mr Hill has been a largely anonymous figure in his role as backstage political adviser to the Prime Minister and speech-writer, the same cannot be said of Mrs Hogg. Although she has never courted publicity, as the Prime Minister's popularity has plummeted and the Government has lurched from crisis to crisis, she has been the focus of much grumbling at the Commons.

In time-honoured fashion, many MPs and ministers have chosen not to complain directly about the Prime Minister's performance but to claim that he has been the victim of bad advice. Add a drop or two of old-fashioned male chauvinism and it is not difficult to see why Mrs Hogg, sometimes known as the deputy prime minister for her supposedly unhealthy degree of influence over Mr Major, has decided to call it a day.

The charge sheet against her is a long one. Under her leadership, with the unlovely exception of Back to Basics, the policy unit has hardly been a hotbed of new ideas. Complaints from the Tory Right that the Government is drifting can be traced directly to the failure of the unit to be little more than another branch of the Civil Service.



Mr Hill working with Mr Major en route to an engagement

Instead of thinking strategically, the 10-strong policy unit has become little more than a firefighting operation, obsessed with the next day's headlines and policy gimmicks that soon fell apart under the weight of their own contradictions.

As one observer of the Downing Street scene said yesterday: "Sarah's greatest strength was her closeness to the Prime Minister and his confidence in her, but I am not sure about the quality of the ideas — their robustness.

"If you enable people to buy shares in nationalised companies, that is real. But a Citizen's Charter is a little bit unreal. Back to basics should have brought together a raft of social policies covering things like schools and training. But it proved a slogan with nothing to it."

But is it really all her fault? After Mr Major's conference speech calling time on the Thatcher revolution, is he still in the market for ideas? As one of Mrs Hogg's critics said yesterday: "Would Stanley Baldwin have bothered with a think-tank?"

But Mrs Hogg has her supporters, notably among rightwingers who have worked closely with her over the past four years. They say that old jealousies and grievances stemming from her days as a high-flying journalist on the *Economist*, *Sunday Times*, *The Times*, *The Independent*, *Channel Four News*, and *The Daily Telegraph* have contributed to the unflattering picture painted of her in the Tory press.

More importantly, the Thatcherite true believers have never forgiven her for profiting from their idol's fall and — even worse — helping Mr Major to turn the ashes of that catastrophe into the 1992 election victory.

On the economy, she stuck fast to her free-market, liberal economic views, helping the Prime Minister to negotiate the social chapter opt-out that has spared industry the added burdens threatened by the Single European Act approved by Lady Thatcher.

They say that in her quiet, pragmatic way she has done a great deal to repair the legislative blunders of the late 1980s and make essentially Thatcherite policies work.

"Sarah has been John Major's lightning conductor and has taken a great deal of flak, not least over Maastricht, which was the Prime Minister's policy anyway. But she has a sound head on her shoulders and she stuck to her principles. She was the Prime Minister's alter ego, his conscience even, and she offered him a balanced judgment alongside courage and detachment."

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Breakdown of government alarms investors in the peace process

Irish Americans press Spring to rescue coalition

BY NICHOLAS WATT, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

DICK Spring came under strong pressure from America yesterday to stay in government and avoid damaging the Northern Ireland peace process.

Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister and Labour leader is expected to respond today to a statement issued last night by Albert Reynolds, the Prime Minister, intended to preserve the government.

Irish American leaders, who have invested financially and politically to encourage the peace process, said yesterday that they were dismayed that the Irish government could collapse. Bill Flynn, the New York businessman who invited Gerry Adams, the Sinn Fein president, to the city this year, said: "My reaction is one of disbelief that at this moment in Irish history they can let a government take the risk of falling apart over a judgeship."

Niall O'Dowd, the New York publisher and a leading Irish American, told *The Irish Times*: "Albert Reynolds and Dick Spring have tremendous visibility over here and have received great credit for their outstanding work. It would go beyond a tragedy if the peace process were to be damaged by short-term political considerations."

Jean Kennedy Smith, the American ambassador to Dublin who pushed for Mr Adams to be granted a visa before the IRA ceasefire, said she hoped the coalition crisis would not damage the peace process. Mrs Kennedy Smith, who underlined her support for the ceasefire by holding a private meeting with Mr Adams in September, said: "I don't believe anything will endanger it [the peace process]. I think it will go forward, people want it and it's well supported on both sides here and across the waters."

American support for the peace process was one of the most important factors in persuading IRA hardliners to support the ceasefire. Mrs Kennedy Smith's nationalist sympathies have helped her to build a good working relationship with Mr Reynolds, the leader of the republican Fianna Fail. Commentators in Dublin fear that the ambassador would have a testier relationship with John Bruton, leader of Fine Gael.

Mr Spring, 44, will be acutely conscious of America's concerns, not least because he is married to a former American air hostess from New Jersey. He met Kristi Hutcheson, a member of the First Christian Church, when he worked as a barman in New York during summer holidays while he was a law student at Trinity College Dublin in the 1970s.

The couple, who have three children and live in Tralee, Co Kerry, married in 1977. Mrs Spring has never given up her American citizenship even though it means that she cannot vote for husband.

Mr Spring's threat to withdraw from government is one of the biggest gambles of his political life since inheriting his father's Dail seat in 1981. He believes that trust within the coalition has broken down. The Labour leader is furious that Harry Whelehan was promoted to the presidency of the High Court on Friday after his office delayed dealing with extradition warrants for a priest accused of paedophilic cases.

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Dr Carey, left, with Archbishop Robert Eames

Carey urges churches to 'leap walls of separation'

THE Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, urged Christians and the churches in Northern Ireland last night to "offer a sacramental lead" in the search for peace.

Dr Carey, preaching at St Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh City, said: "Of all people, Christians should have the courage to cross the human barriers of sin, and leap over the walls of separation. Peace is never a wall that separates, it is a bridge which unites."

He said it was of "paramount importance" that the churches offer a lead, arguing that "love, tolerance and the building of trust within the community" were at the heart of the gospel.

The service, commemorating the 1550 years since St Patrick's arrival in Armagh, was attended by President Robinson, Sir Patrick Mayhew, Northern Ireland Secretary, Cardinal Cahal Daly, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Armagh, and Robert Eames, Church of Ireland Archbishop of Armagh.



Harry Whelehan, whose promotion precipitated the crisis, with his wife Joyce in Dublin

Reynolds fails to end crisis

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Mr Reynolds overrode their objections and nominated Harry Whelehan, the Attorney-General, as President of the High Court. Mr Spring is strongly opposed to Mr Whelehan because he is regarded as too conservative on social issues and because of the delay in dealing with nine extradition warrants from the RUC for Father Smyth, who has since been jailed in Northern Ireland.

In his speech, Mr Reynolds tried to appease Mr Spring by saying he misunderstood the walkout from the Cabinet: he had thought Labour ministers were absenting themselves only from the nomination of Mr Whelehan. He said: "I genuinely regret that, and any inadvertent offence caused to the Tanaiste (Mr Spring) and his colleagues. The Prime Minister added that he was willing to talk to Mr Spring to establish new structures for dealing with differences in the coalition government. They would underpin "renewed trust and co-operation" in the government.

He announced a review of the Attorney-General's office to avoid any repeat of the débâcle over the extradition warrants in the paedophile case. He said that Mr Whelehan, who was sworn in yesterday as high court president, had assured him that he did not know of the request for extraditon until recent weeks.

In a conciliatory note Mr Reynolds paid tribute to Mr Spring for his role in the Northern Ireland peace process, saying: "The success of ... negotiations will underwrite the future of this country, and history will recall Dick Spring's essential contribution to that success."

In a last plea to Labour, however, Mr Reynolds said: "We have to give the fragile Northern peace process the best possible chance of permanent consolidation. I believe the national interest requires continuity."

Leading members of Sinn Fein, who also have said that the crisis poses a threat to the peace process, listened to yesterday's statement from the Dail's public gallery.

Pat Doherty, Sinn Fein's vice-president, who would stand for election in Co Donegal in the event of a general election, said: "I hope that Labour and Fianna Fail will resolve their differences." He added: "The peace process is at a delicate stage and is getting no attention from the British government."

NEWSIN BRIEF

Pergau £24m will not be repaid to aid fund

None of the £24 million spent so far on the Pergau dam project will be returned to the Government's overseas aid budget, a Whitehall source said yesterday. Despite last week's High Court ruling that the Pergau scheme was unlawful because it did not promote economic development, the courts had no power to order that money already spent should be reimbursed, the source added. "You cannot change the accounts retrospectively," he said.

Whether the remaining £200 million will be paid from the overseas aid budget or the Treasury's reserve fund will depend on whether Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, decides to appeal against the ruling and the outcome of that appeal. If he decides to abide by the High Court ruling, the remaining money is likely to be paid from the Treasury's contingencies fund. The disclosure that none of the money already paid will be reimbursed to the overseas aid budget is expected to add to Mr Hurd's discomfort when he faces a Commons foreign affairs debate on Thursday over the aid-for-arms allegations.

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Tories pick candidate

Struan Stevenson, 46, has been selected as Tory candidate for the seat held by Sir Hector Monro, the Scottish Office minister who will retire at the next general election. Mr Stevenson, married with two sons, is a councillor. He owns a farm in Ayrshire and is director of a public affairs company. He enlisted the support of the Duke of Wellington and David Puttnam, the film producer, in a campaign to stop pylons being built across a valley. Sir Hector's majority in Dumfries at the last election was 6,815.

Cyclist hurt in brawl

A leading racing cyclist was seriously ill last night after being hurt in a brawl outside a nightclub. David Rayner, 27, was on a life support machine in intensive care at Bradford Royal Infirmary where his condition was said to be critical. Mr Rayner, who won the leading young riders' title in the Milk Race for three successive years and was riding this season for the Lex-Towsend team, was taken to hospital after an incident outside Maestro's club in Bradford.

Tree house appeal fails

A man who built a tree house for his two children was ordered by a planning inspector yesterday to tear most of it down. David Jones, a building surveyor, and his wife Lynn lost their appeal against an enforcement order from the local council requiring them to remove wooden cladding and the roof from the tree house built for their son and daughter. Neighbours in Wallington, south London, had complained that it was an eyesore, and that the children used it to spy on them.

Rapist moved in secret

A man who is due to be freed from prison tomorrow after serving three and a half years of a six-year sentence for raping girl aged nine has been transferred to another jail to prevent him being attacked as he leaves prison. The prison authorities secretly moved Robert Matthews, 24, from Albany jail on the Isle of Wight after fears that a violent public backlash would put his safety at risk. Last week the girl's mother was granted a court order banning Matthews from contacting the family.

Promotion hopes denied

A former servicewoman who is seeking £505,000 damages for being dismissed after becoming pregnant was not good enough to stay in the Army on a regular commission, an industrial tribunal was told yesterday. Former Captain Abigail Kirby-Harris, who was forced to leave in 1982, had expected to be promoted to major in the Royal Army Education Corps but her chances of obtaining a regular commission were "nil", Colonel Derek Parsley said. The hearing at Bristol continues.

£900,000 damages

A woman has been awarded £900,000 damages for her brain-damaged husband, who can only "speak" by blinking his eyes. The award, made to Sue Byrne at Bristol Crown Court, was the result of a head-on crash in a country lane four years ago which left Jim Byrne almost completely paralysed. The award marks the end of a four-year battle for compensation after the accident, which left Mr Byrne dependent on his wife 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at their specially-adapted home.

Morse back on the case

ITV is to repeat all 28 episodes of *Inspector Morse*, starting next April, and is to make at least one new television film featuring the high-brow Oxford detective, played by John Thaw. The last series achieved a record audience of more than 18 million, and the programme has been sold to nearly 50 countries. ITV is understood to have paid Central Television about £5 million for the episodes. Mr Thaw stars as a barrister in a new ITV series, *Kavanagh QC*, made by some of the original Morse team.

Baby goes on air

After a year of relentless bad news and emotional turmoil, including an armed robbery, a runaway teenager and a fatal car crash, listeners to *The Archers* celebrated the arrival of Shula Hebden's baby. Sam Rowley, who plays Daniel Mark Archer Hebden, made his debut on Monday night, several weeks after the show's producers met his mother Alison, a barrister, while she was expecting in Solihull Hospital. The search for a baby took the producers to maternity wards throughout the West Midlands.

Ministers may be forced to create injustice watchdog

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Government could be forced into legislation to create a review body on miscarriages of justice even though the measure is not expected in the Queen's Speech today.

Yesterday the Bar Council published its own Bill to create a review body, the main proposal of Lord Runciman's Royal Commission on Criminal Justice last year. It would win wide cross-party support as last week Labour promised the Government co-operation to ensure that such a Bill would be passed during this parliamentary session.

The measure is also likely to be supported by senior judges. Lord Taylor, Lord Chief Justice, has told the Government that the setting up of a review body was "of the highest priority" and urged it to avoid further delay.

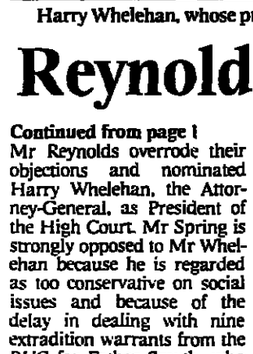
Yesterday Robert Seabrook, QC, chairman of the Bar, said: "It is important that the Government does not allow this important recommendation of the Royal Commission to wither on the vine. Public confidence in the criminal justice system will be endangered if this widely supported and important step is further delayed."

He said that if the proposal was not included in the Queen's Speech, the Bar intended to support a Private Member's Bill to be taken up by an MP who wins a place in the private member's ballot. It was clear there was "strong political consensus to support a Bill to introduce a criminal cases review authority".

The Bar Council Bill would establish an independent review body to investigate alleged miscarriages of justice and refer cases to the Court of Appeal where fresh evidence suggests there may have been a wrongful conviction.

Mr Seabrook called on the Government to include the Bill in the Queen's Speech as a much-needed signal of the Government's commitment to restoring confidence in the justice system and to allay public anxieties about miscarriages of justice.

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Sir Tim yesterday

Sir Tim Rice bowled over by his knighthood

TIM RICE, the lyricist and cricket fanatic, was invested with the insignia of his knighthood by the Queen yesterday and joked that the medal ribbon would match his red and yellow MCC tie.

The writer of hit musicals and former president of the Lord's Taverners charity cricket team said it was the height of achievement to be honoured "in such an English way" after attending the Buckingham Palace investiture with his wife Jane.

Warning on EU

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Cabinet minister, said: "They've been discovering this year in, year out. The disturbing thing is that nothing is done about it.

"I think what is really happening is that the [European] Commission uses this spending essentially to buy support from member governments and therefore they don't want it stopped," he said.

Ministers emphasised, however, that more stringent action was being taken through the Maastricht Treaty to step up reform.

Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, said: "There's a commissioner now charged with tackling fraud. There's a very good Dane in charge of the unit that actually polices fraud in the Community and we are having some successes in cutting it back. Since Maastricht, particularly, the whole thing has been stepped up very considerably."

The report suggested that farm fraud was costing the Union £6 billion a year and that the EU's wine lake is large enough to fill 19 billion bottles. The report also cites:

☐ The payment of more than £180,000 to German apple-growers for digging up apple trees — 90 per cent were reported to be disposed of, with the remainder due to be removed by March last year. The Court found all the trees were still in place;

☐ The payment of nearly £3 million in subsidies for exporting wine from Italy to Central and Eastern Europe. This was up to eight times more than the wine's commercial value;

☐ The "irregular" use of £400 million from the social fund, which was spent on training trades union officials in Spain.

Mr Middelhoek said yesterday that where systems of administration and control in member states were inadequate, funds to those countries should be halted until appropriate remedial action was taken.

David Heathcoat-Amory, the Paymaster-General, who is responsible for EU budgetary issues, said he agreed with the "overall thrust" of Mr Middelhoek's suggestion.

"I am very attracted to that, provided it's done legally and provided that we don't have funds cut off to Britain if another member state manages to find some comparatively small item of fraud and mismanagement in our own country," he told BBC Radio 4's *The World at One* programme.

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'Lyme Bay canoe trip 'was nothing short of folly'

BY KATHERINE KNIGHT



The four pupils who died during the trip across Lyme Bay were, from left, Simon Dunne, Claire Langley, Dean Sayer and Rachel Walker. Their deaths were the result of gross negligence, the prosecution says

EIGHT pupils in the Lyme Bay canoe tragedy joined hands and sang to keep their spirits up as they drifted helplessly in choppy seas during an expedition which was led by novice instructors and "nothing short of folly", a court was told yesterday.

Four drowned on the expedition of eight pupils, a teacher and two instructors, Neil Butterfield, QC, told Winchester Crown Court. He said that Dean Sayer, 17, Claire Langley, Rachel Walker and Simon Dunne, all 16, died because of gross negligence on the part of two leisure centre bosses and the company that owned the adventure centre from which they set out.

Peter Kite, 44, managing director of Active Learning and Leisure Ltd, Joseph Stoddart, 53, manager of the Outdoor Centre, and OLL Ltd, each denied four counts of manslaughter and gross negligence by failing to provide reasonable care, adequate equipment and staffing.

Mr Butterfield, for the prosecution, said that at about 10am on March 22 last year a party of eight pupils set out from the beach at Lyme Regis. They, and their teacher, Norman Pointer, 50, also a novice, were accompanied by Tony Mann, 23, and Karen Gardner, 21, instructors from Active Learning and Leisure, to paddle the two miles across Lyme Bay to Charmouth and back.

Neither instructor had any qualification for teaching canoeists, Mr Butterfield said. "Each of them had only recently attended a two or three-day training assessment in which they received instruction on the basic canoe skills they were now expected to pass on to the students," he said. In their own training assessments Mr Mann and Miss Gardner had been placed in the novice group, receiving the One Star British Canoe Union certificate. "That is the lowest level of competence which can be awarded," Mr Butterfield said. "Neither was in any way qualified or competent to lead or instruct in the sort of activity contemplated on that Monday morning. They were barely sufficiently competent to undertake the journey themselves."

"It was nothing short of utter folly on the part of Stoddart to allocate Mr Mann and Miss Gardner to supervise an expedition such as this. No doubt with the confidence borne of youth and ignorance Mr Mann and Miss Gardner thought they could manage."

The pupils wore swimming costumes, wetsuits and buoyancy aids, some of which had safety whistles, but no gloves, headwear or footwear. The instructors wore nylon spray decks that spread from their bodies around the cockpit of the canoes to provide a waterproof seal but none of the pupils had these. The instructors had no flares, and a safety boat that had been arranged to operate at Lyme Regis that morning was with sailing dinghies in another area. The Lyme Regis harbourmaster and local coastguard had not been notified.

The weather forecast was for wind starting slightly onshore veering to parallel to the coast. The tide was going out as the canoeists set off. The maximum air temperature was 10C and the sea 9C.

Some of the pupils found the paddling technique difficult. Soon after setting out, Simon Dunne capsized and was assisted back by Mr Mann. "It was not very long before the first signs of serious trouble became apparent," Mr Butterfield said.

Mr Pointer was having "utmost difficulty" keeping balance in the less stable Laser 350 canoe like those used by the instructors. He capsized soon after setting out and was assisted back but after a few strokes he capsized twice again. By this time the group had drifted out to sea and along the coast towards Charmouth.

The pupils were instructed to perform a "rafting up" manoeuvre, bringing them abreast with each other, holding on to the adjacent canoe. The object was to keep the pupils together and under control. But the raft started to drift further out to sea and away from Mr Pointer and Mr Mann. Two pupils tried to paddle the raft back towards them and the shore. "But the wind was getting stronger and the waves bigger. The situation was rapidly deteriorating," Mr Butterfield said. Dean Sayer capsized but got back in "very shaken". Other members of the group were upset, frightened and sick but each did their best to encourage and support their friends.

"They sang together and tried to laugh and joke and did everything they could to help one another in a desperate hour," Mr Butterfield said. "The great courage and bravery each one showed, both then and later that day, is a lasting testament to every one of them." He included Miss Gardner in that tribute. Miss Gardner thought by noon that someone from the activity centre would be at Lyme Regis to collect them and their failure to turn up would be noticed. "It was not to be so," Mr Butterfield said.

Dean Sayer capsized again, his canoe floated away and Miss Gardner got him to lie across the rafted canoes. Simon Dunne also capsized and he too climbed on the raft when his canoe drifted away. By this time it was early afternoon and Mr Mann and Mr Pointer were "specks in the distance".

Marie Rendle capsized and joined the others on the raft when her canoe floated away. Within 20 minutes the remaining canoes except one were full of water and had to be abandoned. Eight of the group were in the sea, holding on to the remaining kayak.

Finally Samantha Stansby's craft capsized and everyone clung to her boat. They tried to swim to shore using the canoe for buoyancy. Because of tiredness and cold, some were showing signs of hypothermia and drifting in and out of consciousness.

By 3pm, with no sign of rescue, the last canoe started to sink and Miss Gardner told the group to abandon it and link arms. "Samantha Stansby and Emma Hartley struck off on their own towards the distant coast in a last vain, desperate attempt to get help," Mr Butterfield said.

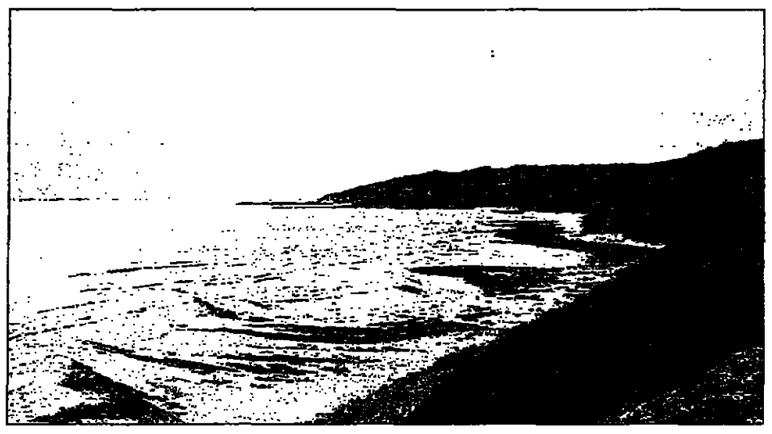
Mr Mann and Mr Pointer were rescued at 5.30pm, three-quarters of a mile off West Bay, having been swept eight miles along the coast. The main group of seven were picked up a few minutes later, 2½ miles from shore and 3½ miles from Lyme Regis. At about the same time, Samantha Stansby was picked up half-a-mile nearer the coast and Emma Hartley was rescued at 6.40pm.

The first indication that something was wrong was around noon when the activity centre handyman took the safety boat to Charmouth but saw no sign of the group. At 12.25pm he told Mr Stoddart that the group had not returned. Mr Stoddart made a 30-minute trip in the safety boat but found nothing. He did not contact coastguards, Mr Butterfield said.

At 2.40pm the fishing boat *Spanish Eyes* reported finding an empty red canoe 12 miles off Charmouth. At 3.07pm, at the suggestion of the Lyme harbourmaster, Mr Stoddart contacted coastguards.

Mr Butterfield said jurors may have to ask why Mr Stoddart delayed so long. The Coastguards began a shore-based search and when that proved negative initiated a helicopter search. The first of four helicopters was scrambled at 3.56pm. The search was made more difficult because the canoeists were not wearing coloured helmets.

Mr Butterfield said it was the Crown's case that the crossing by "nine total novices" who had received only one afternoon's instruction should never have taken place. The hearing continues.





Joseph Stoddart, left, and Peter Kite, pleaded not guilty

Garage owner 'shot inspectors in cold-blooded execution', court told

BY KATE ALDERSON

A GARAGE owner murdered two Department of Transport inspectors with a sawn-off shotgun in a "cold-blooded and premeditated execution", a court was told yesterday.

The men were carrying out a routine inspection of one of Thomas Bourke's garages in Stockport, Greater Manchester, when a gunman wearing a "grotesque Hallowe'en mask" shot them in the head at point-blank range after one of them unwittingly let him in.

Mr Bourke, 32, denies murdering Alan Singleton, 56, and Simon Bruno, 28, last November. Peter Openshaw, QC, for the prosecution, told Manchester Crown Court: "There can be no doubt that whoever fired those shots intended to kill those two men." There was some evidence to suggest that Mr Bourke bore a grievance "against the Department of Transport in general and Mr Singleton in particular".

After a complaint by a customer over an MoT certificate issued by one of Mr Bourke's garages, Mr Bruno and Mr Singleton visited Chestergate Autos on November 22, 1993. David Mitchell, the garage manager, seated the two men in the office.

When someone tried to open the office door, Mr Bruno, "thinking nothing was amiss, leaned forward and released the bolt", said Mr Openshaw. "A man walked in. Without saying a word, he fired first at Simon Bruno and then at Alan Singleton. Each suffered dreadful head injuries and each died instantly."

Mr Mitchell, the only person to witness the murders, told the court that Mr Bourke had said nothing, fired two shots and walked away. Mr Mitchell watched Mr Bourke leave the garage in a red Ford Sierra, fitted with false number-plates. Mr Bourke removed the mask and turned around to look at Mr Mitchell.

Mr Openshaw told the jury there was no forensic evidence to implicate Mr Bourke; the clothes he had been wearing that day had been burnt.

Mr Bourke's garages all dealt with cheap MoT tests, the latter being a valuable source of income. In October 1993 one of the four garages went into liquidation and Mr Bourke was told he would no longer be allowed to carry out MoTs at that premises.

Mr Bourke went for a meeting at the Transport Department's inspection offices in Bredbury attended by Mr Singleton and another official, Malcolm Jones. Mr Bourke was told he could re-apply to do MoTs. His application was later turned down in a letter signed by Mr Singleton. The trial continues.

SATURDAY IN THE TIMES



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Rapist's victim memorises route

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY AND KEVIN EASON

A WOMAN was raped after a man wielding a knife hijacked her car as she parked outside her home. The 27-year-old married woman, who was blindfolded for part of her ordeal, memorised the route over which she was taken by car and on foot.

Her instructions yesterday led police to the scene of the crime. Detectives said that the "brazen and confident" rapist could strike again.

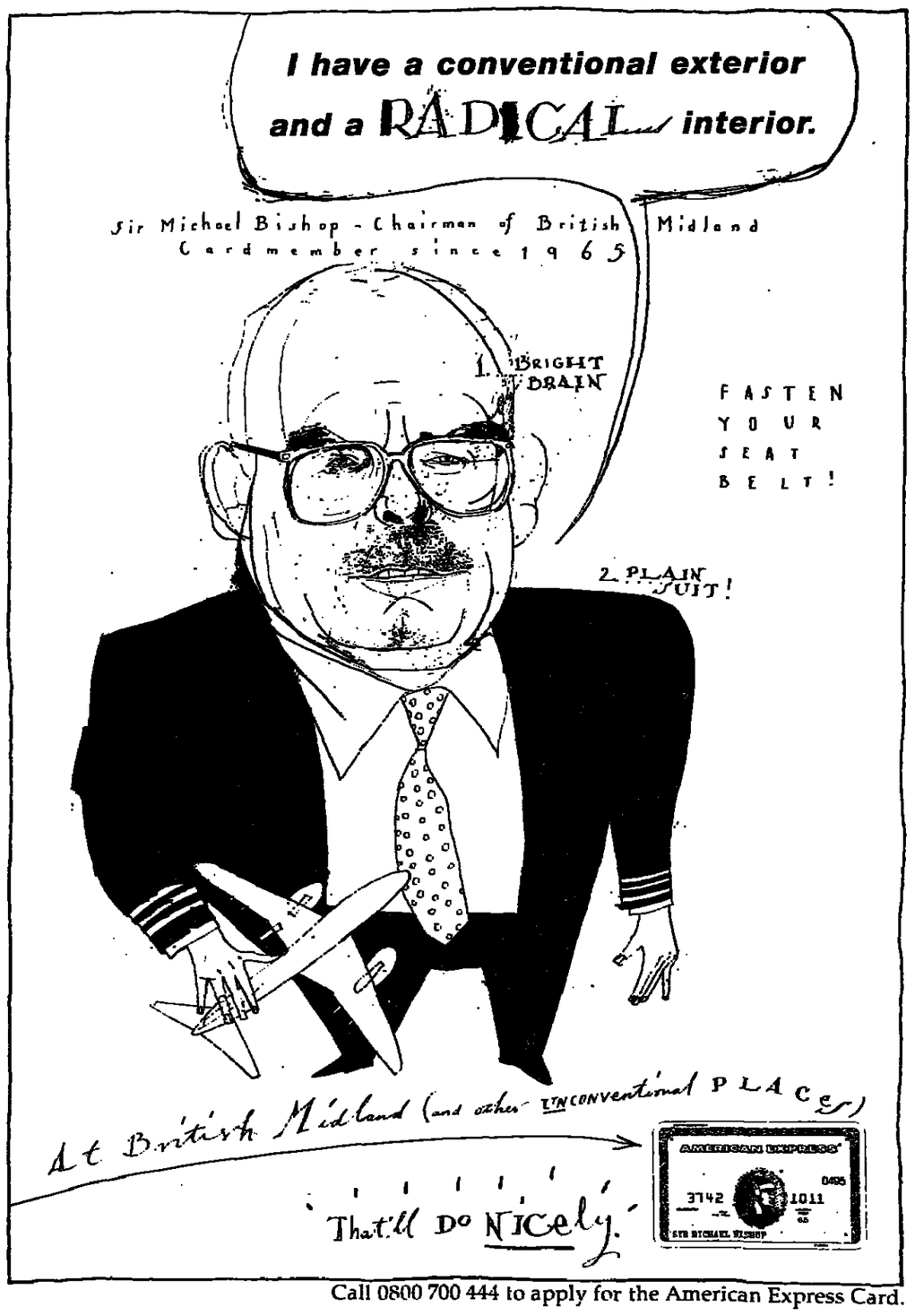
The victim, a professional woman with no children, returned from work at 6.10pm on Monday and parked her red Ford Fiesta XR2 near her house in Bathwick, a busy residential area within a mile of Bath city centre. A stranger opened the driver's door and pushed her into the passenger seat.

He drove five miles to a layby on the A36 Bath-Southampton road, blindfolded her and tied her hands behind her back. He continued driving, holding the 8in blade to the woman's throat and side. The car stopped again and she was forced to stumble through the darkness to a grassy area where she was subjected to a "particularly nasty rape" and indecent assault. The man drove his sobbing victim, with her hands still tied, close to her home, pulled a black plastic carrier bag over her head and removed the blindfold. As soon as he left, she struggled free and called the police. Yesterday she took officers to the A36 layby.

Insp Phil Nicholls said: "She remembered the car was driven a short distance and turned right. Then it went fairly slowly and seemed to be labouring, giving the impression it was going uphill in a twisty, bendy road.

"She recalled the car being parked in another layby. She was taken out of the vehicle and had to climb through something. She remembered banging her head and hitting her leg on something metal. Then she was taken into what she thought was a wooded area."

Police discovered the metal gate through which she had stumbled and, in a copse near Bath University playing fields, evidence of the attack. The rapist is described as aged 28 to 30 and 5ft 7in. He wore a woollen hat and dark pullover.



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Struck off solicitor faces sack as coroner

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Lord Chancellor is expected to dismiss a coroner who was yesterday banned from practising as a solicitor for using more than £1 million of clients' money to prop up his floundering business.

The Home Office took the unusual step of recommending that Lionel Skingley be removed from office as North Kent coroner within hours of yesterday's disciplinary hearing, which was told that he continued to pay himself £80,000 a year even though the firm was losing money.

A Home Office spokesman said: "We have referred the matter to the Lord Chancellor with a recommendation that he consider the removal of Mr Skingley from office." Under the 1988 Coroners' Act, the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay of Clashfern, has the power to remove a coroner from office "for inability or misbehaviour in the discharge of his duty".

There was no evidence during the hearing of the Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal that Mr Skingley had acted unsatisfactorily as a coroner, but a coroner must be a solicitor, barrister or doctor of five years' standing.

At the tribunal in London Mr Skingley, a coroner for 16 years, and two colleagues, Geoffrey Hufton and Robert Hammond, were struck off the solicitors' roll. Fraud squad detectives in Kent are still investigating the financial affairs of the practice, Skingley and Co, which had offices in Rainham and Tonbridge.

The tribunal was told that Mr Skingley, 50, continued to draw his salary and to have his £3,500 a month mortgage and personal bills paid by the practice even though it was falling into debt. He was paid £24,000 a year for his duties as coroner.

Mr Hufton and Mr Hammond paid themselves £22,593 and £38,157 respectively in 1991-92, compared with the £86,779 Mr Skingley received. Mr Hufton, 45, who had paid £18,000 to join the practice, came into the office at weekends with his wife to clean and redecorate.

The three men were accused of a breach of accounting rules and of misusing clients' money for their own purposes. The practice had debts of more than £1 million and £300,000 in pending claims. The Law Society's compensation fund has paid out £1.1 million.

John Roome, chairman of the tribunal, said: "All the respondents knew they were making improper misuse of clients' accounts and, regardless of whether they benefited to a greater or lesser extent, in our profession such deliberate action does amount to dishonesty."

The hearing was told that the business began to go wrong because Mr Skingley, 50, of Headcorn, was working hard at his public duties as a coroner and as chairman of a social security appeals tribunal. He failed to supervise adequately his business even though he knew there were money problems.

Andrew Hopper, for the Law Society, said the solicitors' new office in Tonbridge ran into difficulties and money was transferred client accounts to office accounts to "keep the bank happy". He said: "It is politely referred to as a few cash problems by Mr Skingley. It is not a fact of whether there was any bounced cheques but which cheques are we going to bounce today?"

James Wadsworth, QC, for Mr Skingley, who has three adult children and two stepchildren, said his client had only sought to keep the bank satisfied. "This is not milking a business and living the high life."

PHIL COALE: REUTER



John Crumitie accused of firing four shots at Gary Colley as he tried to drive away

Florida drops death penalty for teenager

Youth goes on trial for killing British tourist

BY OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE trial of a teenager for the murder of a British tourist in Florida began yesterday with prosecutors saying they would not seek the death penalty for the youth.

The state is asking for a life sentence for John Crumitie, 17, the first of two youths to go on trial for the murder of Gary Colley, a Yorkshire lorry driver whose killing at a highway service station in September 1993 drew worldwide attention to Florida's high crime rate and badly damaged its £20 billion tourist industry. Mr Colley was the ninth tourist killed in Florida in a year.

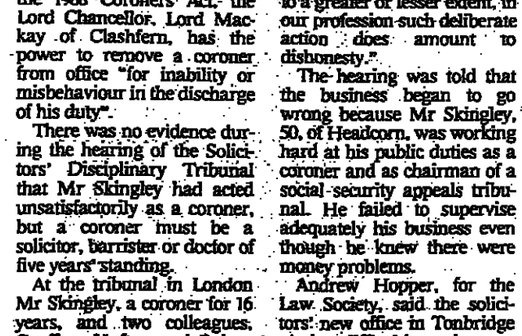
In exchange for the state's agreement to drop the death penalty, Crumitie's lawyers withdrew a motion to disqualify the jury pool gathered for the grand jury that indicted Crumitie last year. Mina Morgan, for the defence, had argued that the panel was chosen from a pool that excluded anyone over 70. Miss Morgan told the judge: "Those over 70 are closer to death than most of us here and are less likely to invoke the death penalty."

Crumitie, who faces charges of murder and attempted murder, is accused of shooting Mr Colley as he tried to drive away during a robbery attempt. Prosecutors say that Crumitie and three companions had earlier stolen a car and told friends they were going to the isolated services to rob someone. Mr Colley's girlfriend Margaret Jagger, who was injured in the attack, told the court in Monticello that the couple were resting in their hire car when two gunmen knocked on the window. "I saw a black face staring into the car with a gun," Miss Jagger said. When Mr Colley tried to drive away, they fired at least four shots into the car.

The trial is expected to last a fortnight.



Margaret Jagger and Gary Colley: shot as they rested



The drawing compares with works in collections

Unknown Rembrandt sells for £125,000

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A PREVIOUSLY unknown drawing attributed to Rembrandt and discovered in a Scottish private collection has sold for about £125,000 at Christie's in Amsterdam.

The landscape in brown ink, a composition of a farmhouse nestling among trees — a theme to which the 17th century Dutch Master often returned — went to an anonymous German bidder, who paid more than double the high estimate. The structure near the house is believed to be an outside lavatory. The woman carrying milk pails is an unusual detail.

A Farmhouse among Trees, believed to date from the early 1650s, was found in the collection of the Marquis of Lansdowne. Christie's pointed out that the use of lightly-washed paper to achieve a warm tone is characteristic of drawings of the period. There are comparable images in public collections such as the Albertina, Vienna.

The work's authenticity was confirmed by two Rembrandt specialists, Martin Royalton-Kisch at the British Museum, and Peter Schatborn at the Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam.

Rembrandt attribution is, however, not an exact science. The Rembrandt Research Project, a group of Dutch scholars, has determined that Rembrandt was not responsible for many works hitherto attributed to him.

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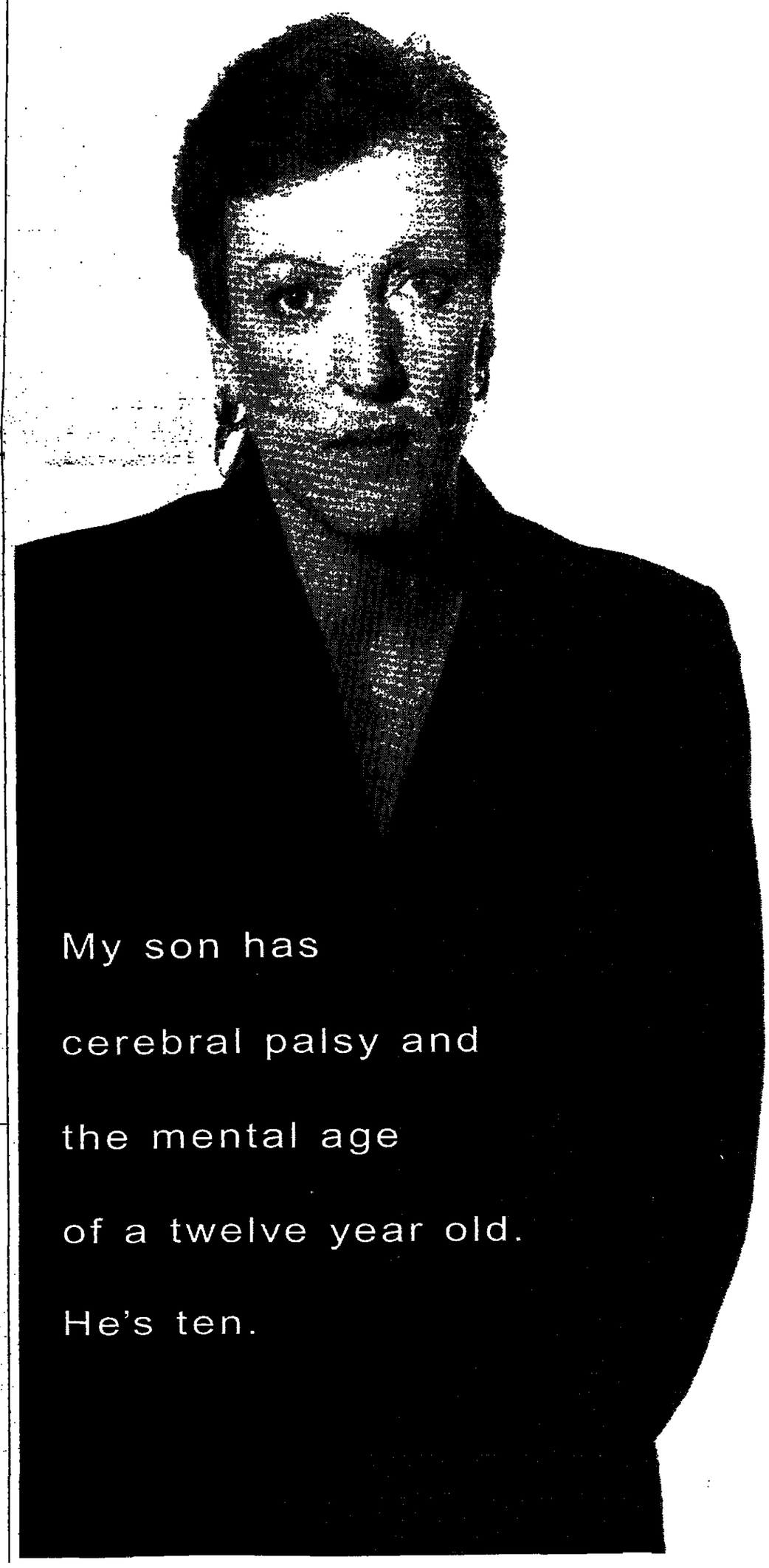
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Exam chief doubts value of vocational A levels

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

THE head of a leading examinations board cast doubt yesterday on the quality of vocational qualifications that are to be extended to younger age groups this week.

"Life would be a doddle if we were under the GNVQ regime," Dr Michael Halstead said, comparing standards of vocational and traditional academic A levels. The secretary-general of the University of Cambridge local examinations syndicate told teachers and university admissions tutors that he would not want his board associated with the General National Vocational Qualification until questions of quality were resolved.

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, is expected to announce 90 pilot GNVQ courses for 14 to 16-year-olds tomorrow. The first programmes for sixth-formers and college students have been highly popular and successful as a route into higher education. Academics and schools inspectors have criticised assessment methods for the vocational courses.

Tim Boswell, the higher education minister, told the conference in Cambridge that accounts of the inspectors' criticisms were exaggerated. Their verdict had been "reassuring" about standards. "GNVQs are new qualifications. Obviously their impact on higher education has so far been limited. But most higher education institutions are already proving to be open-minded and receptive to candidates with advanced GNVQs," he said.

In a subsequent address to the conference, organised by the University of North London, Dr Halstead said: "I am not sure that the quality is there that I would want to have my examining board's name associated with it."

Ministers considered postponing the launch of vocational qualifications for the younger age group until criticisms of the first programmes had been satisfied. But they are anxious that the widening of the school curriculum should continue on schedule.

Schools will be able to fill the equivalent of one day a week with vocational courses, including programmes on information technology and leisure and tourism. The programmes will lead to the advanced level GNVQ, which ministers expect students to mix with A levels.

Error wrecks college chance

A MISTAKE by A-level examiners has robbed Zoe Davidson of a place at university. They wrongly docked three marks from her history paper, turning a pass into a fail (Paul Wilkinson writes).

By the time the error was discovered Miss Davidson, 19, of Ashington, Northumberland, had lost her chance of a place on an English and history course at Worcester or Humberside. She said yesterday: "I am very angry. It has taken a year out of my life and I've been left behind when my friends have gone to university and college."

Norma Davidson, her mother, said: "Someone has to answer for it because you hear about some young people taking their own lives over exam failures."

A board spokesman said the mistake happened "despite extensive checking and monitoring procedures and these are now being reviewed".



Davidson: "very angry"



ENRIQUE MARCARIAN

The Duke of York arriving in Argentina yesterday. No national anthems were played

Argentine extremists threaten royal visit

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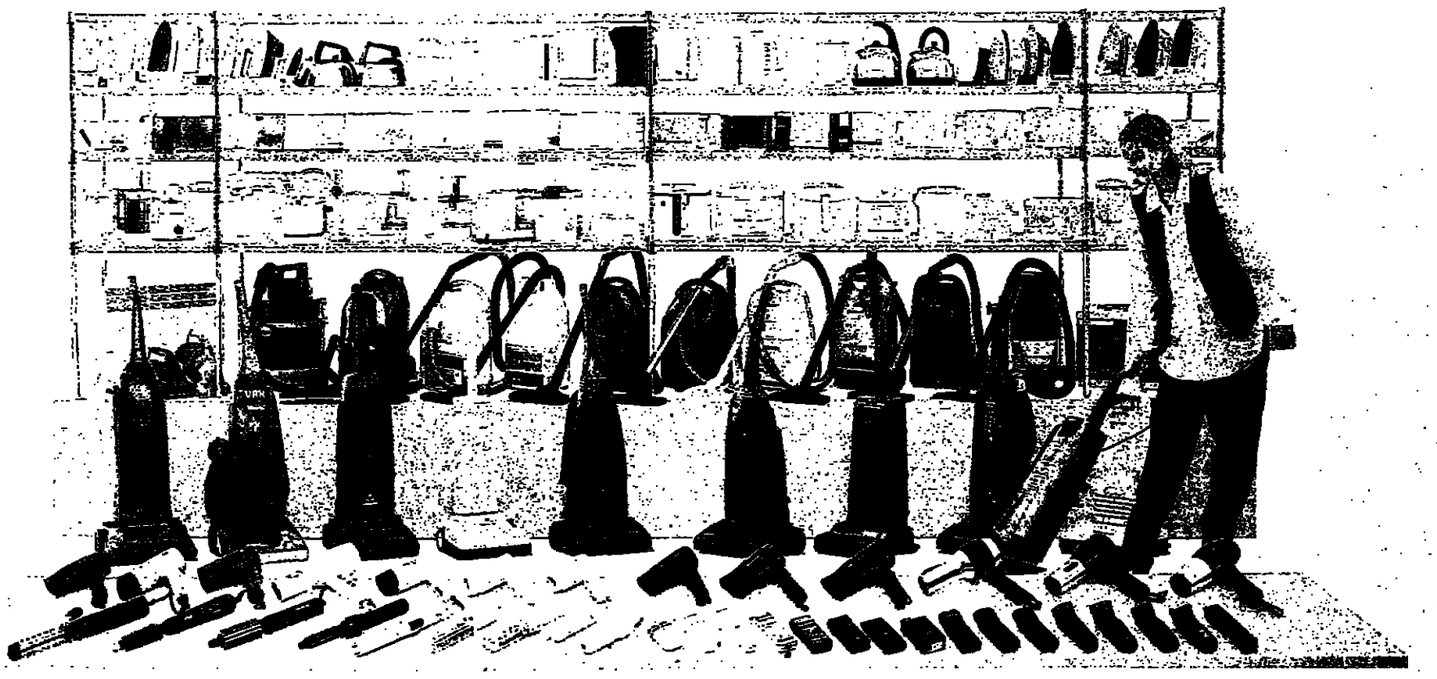
NATIONALISTS in Argentina were threatening to disrupt the Duke of York's visit to the country as he arrived in Buenos Aires yesterday.

The Duke, who served in the Falklands as a navy helicopter pilot, is the first member of the royal family to visit Argentina since the 1982 conflict. He was accorded a military welcome by veterans of the conflict and greeted by Guido Di Tella, the foreign minister, but no national anthems were played. He later inspected a guard of honour from the air force.

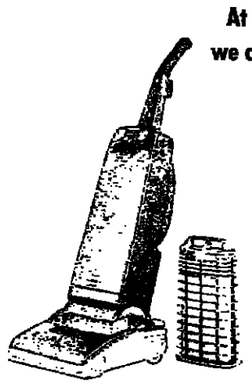
Nationalists and left-wing extremists said they planned to demonstrate last night at the British Embassy, where the Duke was due to launch a new series of Range Rovers. Raul Galvan, radical leader of Argentina's lower house, said President Menem's decision to treat the Duke as a foreign dignitary when Britain refused to consider Argentina's claim to the Falkland Islands was an insult.

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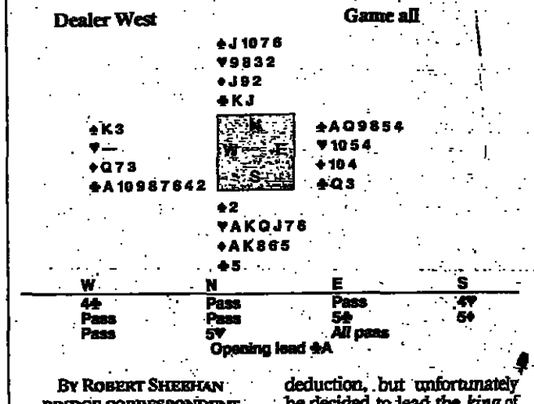
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Opening lead ♠A

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN
BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

Above is a hand from this year's Jersey tournament. East's decision to go to Five Clubs over South's Four Hearts should have worked well. What should West do after cashing the ace of clubs, on which East plays the queen?

Answer: It is clear West should switch to a spade, even without East's suit preference play of the queen of clubs. West knows from the bidding that South has at least ten red cards, and given time South will throw away any spade loser he has on dummy's king of clubs.

At the table West made that deduction, but unfortunately he decided to lead the *king* of spades. Now East had a problem. He eventually decided the defence's best chance to beat the contract was to take two spade tricks, so he overtook the king of spades, and played the queen, hoping West's king was singleton. The declarer ruffed the spade high, and now had eleven tricks — two spades, six hearts, two diamonds and a club.

West could have avoided this accident by switching to a *low* spade at trick two. East can take the ace and return a spade, but now the declarer only has ten tricks and West eventually makes the queen of diamonds.



KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Prodigal's return

After a superb diplomatic effort by Jon Speelman, it appears that Nigel Short is prepared to play for England in the Moscow Olympiad at the end of this month. Short had refused to play because he objected to the British Chess Federation's choice of Murray Chandler as captain.

Now that Speelman has intervened, reason appears to have broken out and it is likely that England will field its strongest team. England has a fine record in the Olympiad, having taken silver in 1984, 1986 and 1988.

Pax Kasparov

Garry Kasparov has come out in support of his former arch-rival, Florencio Campomanes of the Philippines, to retain his Fide presidency in an election concurrent with the Olympiad. Campomanes had earlier indicated his intention to stand down. There are three candidates, Bachar Kouatly of France, Georgios Makropoulos of Greece and Joaquin Durao of Portugal. If Campomanes decides to stand he is bound to be favourite.

Last year Kasparov launched the Professional Chess Association as a counter to Fide and Campomanes. A compromise between the two organisations was on the cards when the PCA intervened last month to save the Olympiad and relocate it in Moscow when Fide's plans to hold it in Greece fell through.

Kasparov said this week: "Campomanes has dictatorial methods but he is the only candidate who can guarantee an accord. The PCA now controls elite chess while Fide with its 153 member countries offers a valuable infrastructure. I foresee a compromise whereby the champion of the PCA [Kasparov] and the champion of Fide [Karpov] play a match to unify the two titles."

Speaking from Ubeda, Spain, where he defeated Joel Lautier of France 3½-1½, Karpov said: "I heard that Campomanes would be Fide president again. This would be a disaster for Fide."

Karpov wins

White: Anatoly Karpov
Black: Joel Lautier
Match Ubeda, Spain, 1994

Ruy Lopez

1	e4	e5
2	Nf3	Nc6
3	Bb5	f5
4	Nc3	fxe4
5	Nxe4	d5
6	Ng3	Bg4
7	h3	Bxf3
8	Qxf3	Nf6
9	0-0	Bd6
10	Nh5	e4
11	Nd6+	Qxd6
12	Qxd6	gxd6
13	d3	0-0-0
14	dxe4	dxe4
15	Re1	f5
16	Kf1	Rdf8
17	Bh6	Re6
18	Bg7	Rdf8
19	Rad1	Be5+
20	Bxe5	fxe5
21	Rxd8+	Kxd8
22	Rxe5	Rxe5
23	Ke2	Ke8+
24	Kd3	Rb5
25	b3	Ra5
26	a4	Rd5
27	g4	Kf8
28	Rg1	a5
29	h4	b6
30	gxf5	Rxf5
31	Rg8	Rf3+
32	Kxe4	Rc3
33	h5	Rxc2
34	Rg6+	Ke7
35	f4	c5
36	Rxh6	c4
37	bxc4	Rxc4+
38	Kf5	Rxa4
39	Rc8	Rc4
40	h6	Kf8
41	Rf8+	Kg8
42	Kg6	Rb8
43	f5	Black resigns

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Bottomley defends NHS chief in ethics dispute


Bottomley: praised trust's quality of patient care

■ The Health Secretary is urging critics of an NHS trust chief to judge him by his achievements rather than his controversial comments about doctors' loyalties, Jeremy Laurance writes

VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY, the Health Secretary, spoke out in defence yesterday of the NHS trust chairman who was heavily criticised at the weekend for saying that a doctor's first duty was not to his patients but to his employer.

Roy Lilley, chairman of the Homewood Trust in Surrey, angered medical organisations when he said that only when doctors had met that obligation and ensured that that they were properly trained and organised could they fulfil their third duty — to their patients.

The British Medical Association said that his remarks ran counter to medical ethics and condemned them as "completely outrageous". The National Association of Health Authorities said that he had failed to appreciate the "delicacy of the doctor-patient relationship".

However, Mrs Bottomley delivered a ringing endorsement of Mr Lilley's achievements and advised his critics to judge him by his results. Speaking at a news conference to launch the NHS's annual report, she said the Homewood Trust, which cares for people with learning disabilities and mental health problems, offered a high-quality service.

"People who want to debate Roy Lilley's remarks should go and visit his trust. Patients there receive a quality of care and support which cannot be bettered anywhere. They should take his comments in the context of his results," she said.

"Of course patients must come first. But we do need a commitment to the organisation. Health care is a team business. It involves a raft of other professionals besides doctors — including managers."

Mrs Bottomley's support for Mr Lilley comes after the health department issued a statement at the weekend dissociating her from his remarks. The move indicates that ministers are anxious to support those who they see as driving the NHS reforms forward after cases in Brighton and Burnley where consultants have ousted high-profile managers.

However, NHS managers in Basingstoke were criticised yesterday by a consultant who resigned, accusing them of destroying staff morale. Dr Tim Nash, consultant anaesthetist at Basingstoke district hospital and president of the Pain Society, said the trust board had "no real knowledge" of the hospital or its staff. "The hospital is losing its way. A good business communicates with its workforce and gets its workforce to co-operate. That's not happening here." Dr Nash, who is moving to the Walton Centre for Pain Relief in Liverpool in January, said morale at the hospital was the lowest he could remember in 18 years.

☐ The Government was criticised by a judge yesterday for the third time in a week over the shortage of beds for mentally ill patients.

A Crown Court judge brought a civil servant from the Welsh Office before him to provide an explanation of why secure hospital accommodation could not be found for a violent, mentally ill defendant. Judge Prosser told Jan Heppelstone, from the Welsh Office's health division, that the lack of places was intolerable. He then launched into an attack on the Government and ordered the Welsh Office to scour the country for a bed.

"I am not criticising you personally, but I want you to take this back to your superiors," the judge told Mr Heppelstone. "It is not good enough for the Welsh Office or the Government to have a policy where people are allowed onto the streets to kill people when, by spending some money, they could find beds for them. Take that back to the Secretary of State, and if it means having more money from the Government, then do it!"

The judge's outburst came after he had tried over several months to sentence a 36-year-old man to detention under the Mental Health Act 1983. Responsibility for finding secure accommodation in Wales lies with the Welsh Office.

When the man appeared again at Newport Crown Court, Gwent, for sentencing yesterday, the Welsh Office had still not replied and all efforts to find a bed through other avenues had failed.

In England the Health Department is responsible for finding accommodation in such cases and twice in the past week Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary, has been ordered by judges to explain why there are bed shortages for mentally ill offenders.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Killer lurked in frozen burger

A man who undercooked and ate a frozen beefburger infected with a common bacteria died in hospital three weeks later from multiple organ failure, despite three operations. Manchester coroner Leonard Gorodkin, recording a verdict of death by misadventure on Carl Featherston, 31, said: "Provided meat is thoroughly cooked there is no danger to the consumer."

The burgers had been frozen after being bought on a market stall, but the coroner said the bacteria, often present in minced beef, was not the fault of the supplier: "It is believed 1 per cent of cattle in the UK has the infection."

Detective sacked

Det Insp Richard Block, 44, who was fined £400 and banned for 18 months for drink-driving last month, was dismissed after a disciplinary hearing. Block, based at Colchester and 25 years with the force, was stopped while driving an unmarked police car.

Wests remanded

Frederick and Rosemary West, accused jointly of nine murders, were remanded in custody for another month by Gloucester magistrates. It had been expected that a date for committal proceedings would be fixed. Mr West, 53, of Cromwell Street, Gloucester, has also been charged with three other murders.

Appeal rejected

A Wren cashier on *HMS Invincible* who jumped ship in Corfu with her sailor lover and £11,000 from the safe lost an appeal in London against her 18-month jail sentence. Sylvia Panter, a 27-year-old petty officer, from Camberley, Surrey, was found guilty in March of theft and desertion and dismissed the service.

Cannabis seized

Police who raided a cannabis "farm" in Lingfield, Surrey, seized 100 plants, hidden in lorry containers, which would have produced drugs with a street value of £4 million. Two men were arrested at the scene and a third was arrested later in Staines. Police believe the drugs were shortly to reach the street.

Cyanide alert

A health warning was issued after a syringe of potassium cyanide capable of killing hundreds of people was stolen from a numismatist's house in Herne Bay, Kent. "Just one drop is enough to kill someone," Kent Police said, appealing for the syringe to be handed in. The cyanide liquid is used to clean old coins.

Stab man named

The Briton stabbed to death in the Canary Islands last weekend was identified by Spanish police as Mark Hosie, 34, of Blackpool. They said that Mr Hosie, who died on Grand Canary, where young Britons sell drugs and timeshares, was wanted for questioning by British police and had used a false passport.

Fowled up

A town council is to buy a £10,000 vacuum cleaner to clear up goose droppings. The problem is caused by Canada geese, wintering at Cotswold Water Park, which land on a park lake next to Cirencester Abbey, Gloucestershire, and leave their mark on the banks. The clean-up device was designed to dispose of dog dirt.

Charities may wait a year for lottery cash

BY JON ASHWORTH AND ALEXANDRA FREAN

CHARITIES may have to wait up to a year to receive funds from the National Lottery, it has emerged. The first payments to good causes will not take place until next spring at the earliest, raising questions about the methods by which lottery proceeds will be distributed.

The 10,000 shops, garages and other participating retailers must place money raised by ticket sales into specially designated bank accounts. Camelot, the lottery operator, will "sweep" the accounts in two stages — at noon on Monday for multiples and at noon on Wednesday for everyone else. Camelot has until 3pm on Tuesday to pay the sum owing to the five good causes — the arts, sport, charities, National Heritage and the Millennium Fund — into the National Lottery Distribution Fund. The amount will vary from 28-32p in the pound, depending on the volume of sales. The shortfall between Tuesday's payment and Wednesday's collection from retailers will be covered by Camelot.

Peter Davis, director general of the National Lottery, will receive a weekly report on the value of tickets sold and the proportion of sales transferred to the fund. Camelot is obliged to submit an audited annual report, including a summary of ticket sales, prize payouts, fund proceeds, Treasury duty and marketing expenditure.

Money paid into the fund becomes the responsibility of the Department of National Heritage. Cash will be channelled into 11 accounts where it will earn interest while claims are appraised.

The money will be invested by the National Debt Commissioners in the same way as other government funds are invested, earning less than top rates of interest but with the emphasis on safety. Interest earned will be added to the overall pool in each account. Guidelines on distributing funds are being drawn up and applications open on January 4. The first payments are likely to be made by April.

The earliest beneficiaries will include arts and sports projects, but distribution to charities is likely to prove more problematic. Not only is the National Lottery Charities Board new and untested but it faces unprecedented demand from charities of all sizes.

The Government is anxious that the systems for distributing funds should be beyond reproach. It would prefer to wait until the systems have been tried rather than risk the threat of fraudulent claims.

☐ ITV announced that it is taking the unprecedented step of suspending commercial breaks for about 50 minutes on Saturday evening in an attempt to woo viewers away from BBC1's first live televised National Lottery draw.

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Punters spend another £7 million

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN

PUNTERS spent another £7 million on National Lottery tickets yesterday, taking to £14 million the amount raised in two days.

Of the £14 million total, tickets worth £12.5 million will be entered in this week's draw, with the remainder becoming valid in future weeks. If ticket sales continue at this rate, the first jackpot, too be announced on Saturday, could be more than £5 million — considerably higher than initial estimates of £2 million.

Many of the teething problems experienced by ticket sellers on Monday were ironed out yesterday as 100 new outlets came on stream. At the Wayfine supermarket in Liphook, Hampshire, where scores of customers had to be turned away on Monday after the lottery terminal failed, the system was up and running and ticket sales were brisk.

Camelot said many technical difficulties experienced by retailers on the first day of ticket sales had been sorted out.

DES JENSON


The chance of stardom drew these leotard-clad dancers and more than a thousand others to audition for *Fame — The Musical* in London yesterday. Billed as "the show that will live forever", *Fame* is based on the emotional and physical convulsions of starlets at the New York School of Performing Arts (Lucy Berrington writes). Many of the current hopefuls, girls and boys aged 17 to 20, tried out in London; hundreds more attended auditions last week in Glasgow and Manchester. The musical, which follows a film, a television soap opera and several hit records in the 1980s, is the brainchild of David de Silva, who produced the film for MGM. "Its youthful idealism and 'live' performance energy will be an inspiration to young people everywhere," he said. It will be produced by Michael White, whose work includes *Crazy For You*, and is due to open next June at the Cambridge Theatre in the West End of London. De Silva and the producers were looking for 25 dancers, not necessarily established performers. A spokesman for the show said that yesterday's audition near Leicester Square was attended by "everyone from drama school people to professional dancers to aerobics instructors to people who've never danced in their lives. A lot of girls went away disappointed, but that's inevitable," he added.

Dancers step out for Fame

Youth in gang 'scalping' attack on Asian walks free

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A TEENAGER who took part in a "savage" race attack in which an Asian youth had his scalp kicked off walked free from court yesterday because of sentencing restrictions. Mukhta Ahmed's head was kicked "like a football" by a 20-strong gang, Inner London Crown Court heard.

The attack left the 18-year-old Bengali with his "scalp detached from his skull" and other "dreadful injuries". Judge Rountree sentenced Nicky Fuller, 17, who is part Bengali himself, to 11 months in a young offenders' institution. But the time Fuller had spent in custody on remand meant he had effectively served the sentence and he was released. The court heard earlier that if new Criminal Justice Bill provisions, due to come into force next year, had applied at the time of the attack last February, Fuller could have been detained for two years.

John Hardy, for the prosecution, told the court that the attack happened after Mr Ahmed became separated from five Asian friends as they ran away from white youths. Trapped in a dead-end near some garages in Bethnal Green, east London, he was beaten to the ground, his head was kicked "backwards and forwards" and he fell unconscious. He was left with "grotesque" facial injuries and was virtually unrecognisable. Fuller, of Bethnal Green, later boasted of his part in the attack, saying: "We wanted to cripple him."


Muktar Ahmed suffered "grotesque" injuries

The judge told Fuller, who might have realised his ambition to be a police officer if his former girlfriend had not reported him, that he was guilty of "appalling violence and savagery". "This was clearly a racially motivated assault," he said. "Such mindless and ferocious violence must attract the condemnation of all right-thinking people. The police met a wall of silence in their investigations as to the culprits in this incident," Judge Rountree said.

Honeymoon over for noisy rabbits

BY PAUL WILKINSON

TWO pet rabbits which kept neighbours awake all night with the sound of their mating are to be forced to live apart. The compromise between Frances and Ernest Haskins and the owner of the rabbits, Amy Hartley, 11, and her mother Joyce, was announced yesterday before magistrates in York.

Mr and Mrs Haskins had brought a private summons against Mrs Hartley, claiming a criminal breach of noise abatement legislation, but they agreed to a one-month adjournment to see what happens when Smudge, Bobby and their offspring, Liquorice, are moved into separate cages in a wooden shed.

After the hearing Mrs Hartley, who had denied any offence, said: "I will put up the shed as a sound barrier by the end of the month but it will be a struggle. I have three children and Christmas is approaching." The rabbits, which cost £5 each, had already cost her a fortune in legal fees, she said. "Sometimes I wish I'd never seen them, but they are my daughter's pets and she loves them dearly. For the sake of neighbourly peace I will give it a go."

Mr Haskins, 60, a retired crane driver, agreed reluctantly to the experiment, but he said he wanted a week's trial after the shed was put up. The start of the hearing had been delayed by Alf Peacock, chairman of the bench, to give both sides time to find a solution. However, it will go ahead in a month's time, when the experiment will be evaluated.

Mr Haskins complained that the noise from the rabbits was so bad that he and his wife were becoming ill from lack of sleep.

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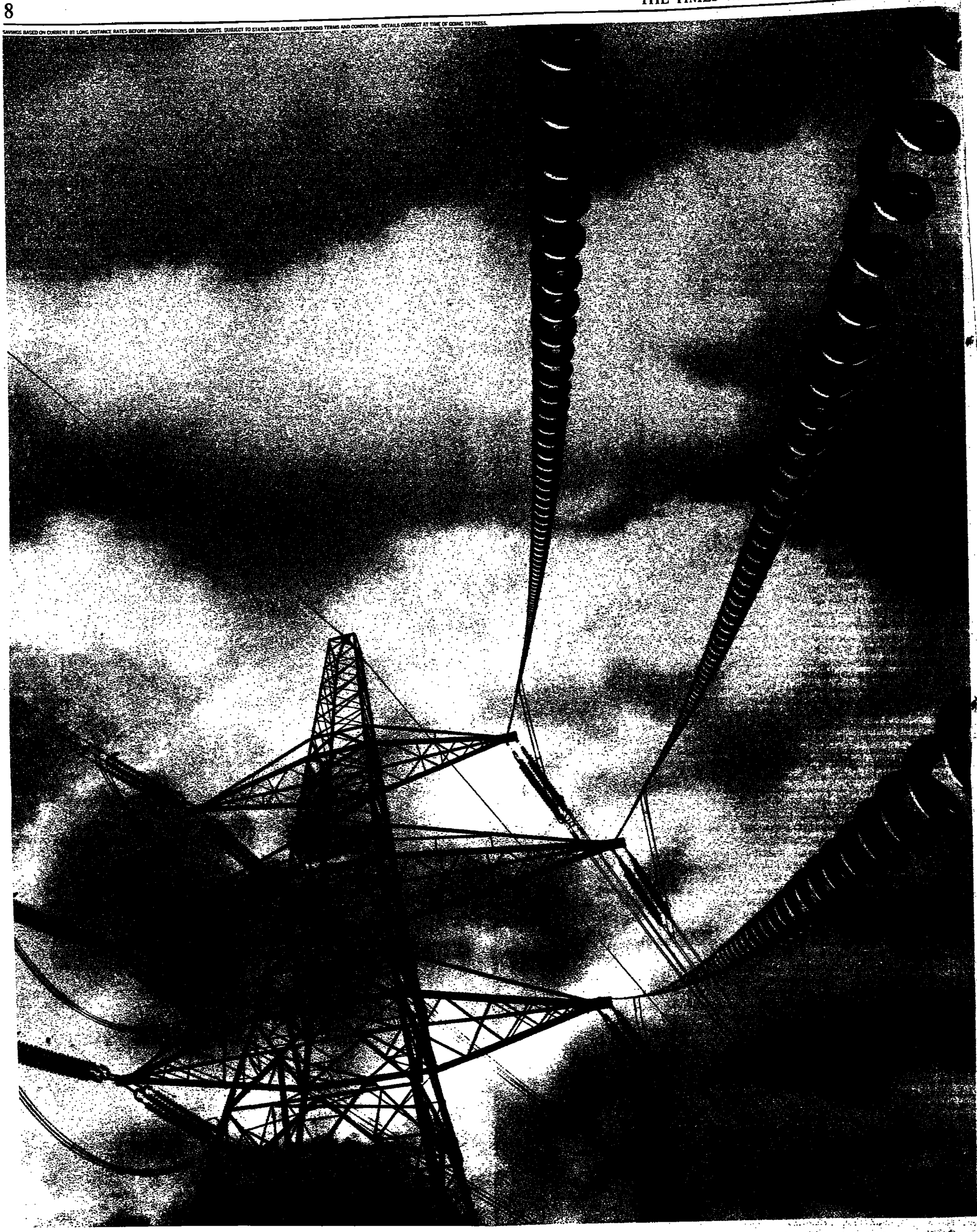
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'Wild' hybrid bred to control rioters

Villagers defend wolf-dog that savaged baby boy

BY BILL FROST

A PET Canadian timber wolf under threat of being put down after it mauled a baby boy was defended yesterday by people in the Welsh village where the child's family lives.

Jaye Coxhead, aged 22 months, had 14 stitches in wounds to his head and face after family pet Ishtar, mostly timber wolf but part husky, bit him as he played with his brother and sister.

The cross-bred was first "manufactured" five years ago by the South African Defence Force, which was seeking to improve the quality, stamina and aggression of its patrol dogs at the height of unrest in the townships. "They have very long fangs which would go through the toughest padding like a knife through butter," an officer in the force said at the time.

Yesterday the RSPCA called for a ban on imports of the animal, which it said was "highly dangerous with a tremendous potential for aggression". But Lynn Coxhead, the boy's mother, said that the attack was entirely out of character, and residents in Pentraeth, Anglesey, described the wolf as "the most popular dog" in the village. One said that it was "gentle and very good with kids".

Andrew Williams, who runs the village garage, said he was planning to buy a timber wolf for his own family. "Ishtar is a lovely dog. I regularly play with him on the forecourt with the children. Everybody in the village knows him and loves him. Ishtar has no enemies at all. It would be a dreadful shame if his owners were forced to put him down.

"From what I can make out it wasn't his fault anyway, it all happened when the children got hold of a box of chocolates and were throwing them around. Ishtar tried to catch a piece of chocolate and Jaye was in the way."

Sybil Jones, the village postmistress, also praised the Coxhead family's pet. "He's lovely," she said. "My son plays with him regularly. We would all be very upset if he was destroyed because of this."

In South Africa the cross-bred, with yellow eyes and teeth twice the length of a domestic dog's, has struck fear in the hearts of even the most determined demonstrators. Army trainers have learnt to treat them with respect. "Once they have got their teeth through to the flesh they do not let go," one officer said.

A year after the South Africans created the breed, the genetic technology was exported to the United States where wolf-dogs became popular among "rednecks" in the Midwest and affluent crack cocaine dealers in the inner cities.

The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals called for government action against breeders, warning that the hybrids were "very volatile". Stephen Zawistowski, the society's science adviser, said: "When wolf hybrids attack, they do not just bite — they go for the kill. Their behaviour is very predatory."



Ishtar: "the village's most popular dog"

Yesterday the RSPCA said that 123 of the hybrids were known to be kept in Britain, but the figure might be much higher. Three months ago 20 of the dogs were imported by breeders who sell puppies for up to £500 each.

"It is a wild animal of unpredictable nature and great strength," the society said. "We do not want them destroyed, though, just neutered so no more can be bred."

Mrs Coxhead, whose son is recovering at home after treatment in hospital, said that she and her husband had spent a year considering whether Ishtar was going to be "the correct dog" for the family. "He's not a vicious animal and never has been. We've had him since the day Jaye was born," she said. "Ishtar is now with an expert who is going to assess him and decide whether he is to be put down or goes to another home. He has always been marvellous with the children."

North Wales Police are investigating the incident, although the keeping of a wolf-dog does not come under either the 1991 Dangerous Dogs Act or the Wild Animals Act. "The matter is the subject of an inquiry and once all the facts have been established a decision will be taken as to what action is appropriate," a police spokesman said.

Julie Kelham, who has four hybrid wolves at her home in Newark, Nottinghamshire, said that the breed was fast gaining in popularity in Britain. "My wolf dogs are very friendly and I let my two children play with them," she said. "But like any big dogs, you have to be sensible and I do not leave them alone with the kids."

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Prince Cesay leaving court after the exclusion ruling. He tried to snatch the *Times* photographer's camera

Council bans gang leader from estate

BY RICHARD DUCE

A LONDON council was granted a rare exclusion order yesterday, banning a drug dealer for six months from entering an estate where he allegedly terrorised residents.

The Borough of Hackney in east London took the unusual county court action against Prince Cesay, 20, arguing that it was the only way to secure the safety of people on the Kingsmead estate.

Cesay has convictions for drug offences. An earlier move to have him jailed for being in breach of an earlier court injunction was dropped on condition that he agreed to the ban imposed yesterday at Shoreditch County Court. Cesay refused to comment as he left the court and tried to snatch the camera of a *Times* photographer who was waiting outside to take his picture.

On Monday the council succeeded in another rare legal move by having Cesay's mother, Sylvia Merritt, 42, evicted from her four-bedroom flat on the estate. Together with Cesay and her two other sons, Justin, 22, and Alan, 18, the family was said to be linked with offences of violence, burglary and drug dealing.

Hackney, following an initiative by its housing director Bernard Crofton, has taken the lead in resorting to civil rather than criminal law in tackling troublesome tenants. A number of injunctions are already in place against some tenants who now face jail if they breach them.

Police in Hackney have difficulty in pursuing cases on the Kingsmead estate, which has around 1,000 flats, because witnesses are often too scared to give evidence.

Residents say that Cesay and his family were responsible for a reign of terror which left many people frightened to leave their homes. Mrs Merritt and her sons moved out of the flat before Monday's court judgment and are understood to be living in Walthamstow, east London.

Balmy autumn puts bloom on the cheek of Mother Nature

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, COUNTRYSIDE CORRESPONDENT

AN UNUSUALLY balmy autumn is playing tricks with Mother Nature, enticing spring flowers into premature bloom and granting summer plants an extra lease of life.

Viburnum and jasmine are among spring plants reported to be in flower, while chrysanthemums and dahlias, which would normally have been killed off by the first autumn frosts, are lingering beyond their season.

According to the Meteorological Office, the average temperature since September 1 has been close to the norm. September and October were slightly colder than usual but November has been warmer. The London Weather Centre recorded 15C on Sunday night, its mildest autumn night in nearly 50 years.

The combination of an early cold spell with later mild weather appears to be creating odd effects. Jim Keesing, a biologist at the Royal Botanic Gardens at Kew, said: "We are still seeing dahlias in bloom, whereas normally they would have been blackened off by the first frosts. Viburnums are coming into flower early and even some rhododendrons are starting to open."

Exotic events are being reported from London gardens. Anita Hollings, who lives in Wandsworth, south London, says her loquat shrubs have produced fruit for only the fourth time in 20 years. "The plants usually flower in the summer but it is quite rare to get a crop of fruit," she said.

Local authorities face extra fuel bills because they have had to continue mowing parks well into November. Bob Ollier, deputy parks and amenities officer in Taunton, Somerset, said: "Normally, we expect to stop mowing in October and do not have to start again until February or March. Some of our playing fields are looking as lush as if spring were already here.

"If the mild weather continues a lot of greenflies and other bugs that would normally be killed off could survive the winter, creating problems for gardeners next spring."

In the Scilly Isles, Andrew May, co-director of Mainland Marketing, which supplies cut flowers, reports an unusually early crop of his company's speciality, a variety of multi-headed, yellow-flowering narcissus known as Soleil d'Or. "We are about four to six weeks ahead of schedule," he said.

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Polish acorn harvest replaces English oaks

TONS of East European acorns are being imported to create new forests in England, even though the countryside is littered with acorns at this time of year (Marianne Curphey writes).

Hungarian and Polish seeds are being shipped in because a Brussels directive says acorns for plantations must come from trees regarded as upright, of superior quality, and "pure".

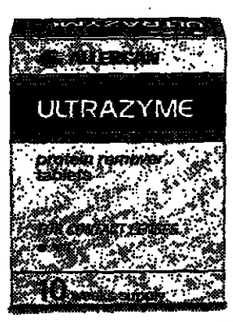
The Forestry Commission has to ensure that English trees from which acorns are collected are straight enough to be harvested for commercial timber in 100 years' time. Only 42 varieties of English oak pass a new EU test, insufficient to meet the demand for three to four million new trees a year.

The Forestry Commission said straightness of trunk was important and the rules only applied to forests. But Mike Harvey, managing director of the tree nursery Maelor, said the EU rule was a bureaucratic joke because trees grew straight only in certain soil and planting conditions.

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Inefficient Community squanders £6 billion in rampant abuse of programmes

Court condemns EU riddled by waste and fraud

FROM WOLFGANG MÜNCHAU IN STRASBOURG

IN ONE of the most damaging condemnations of European Union profligacy to date, the European Court of Auditors yesterday depicted a Community riddled with waste and fraud and with little appetite to mend its ways.

In its annual report, the court, the EU's fiscal watchdog, concluded that the Community had failed to achieve much progress over the past ten years in its efforts to combat financial crime and excess. The European Commission, the European Parliament and national and regional governments came under attack for failing to enact efficient procedures to curb rampant abuse of EU programmes.

The court cited as one of the most flagrant examples a £1 billion subsidy to wine growers, who failed to meet promises of production cuts, further adding to the European wine lake, which is now estimated at 19 billion bottles.

Irish and Scottish fishermen, German apple growers and Spanish trade union officials were identified as having misappropriated EU funds, while their national governments and the European Commission were criticised for their failure of monitor the abuse. Presenting the report to MEPs yesterday, André Middelhoek, President of the Luxembourg-based court, refused to single out specific countries as particularly fraud-prone, nor did he put a figure on the annual total losses due to fraud. The European Commission estimates that fraud costs it no more than £600 million a year, but that figure is strongly contested by Euro-sceptics.

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In his speech to the European Parliament, Mr Middelhoek did not hide his extreme frustration with the slow progress towards reform of the past ten years. "Many of the problems, which were already identified in 1983, are still to be found ten years later," he complained

"The Commission has made efforts to correct weaknesses to which the court has drawn attention. It has, nevertheless, largely failed to secure the enforcement of the level of financial management and control which is needed in the complex environment of Community finances."

Mr Middelhoek was also critical of European ministers, who are responsible for drafting EU legislation. He said that "weak internal control systems combined with legislation that is often complex and far too open to misinterpretation, facilitate fraud while permitting other irregularities to go undetected."

He urged European leaders to discuss the system of financial controls at the 1996 review conference of the Maastricht Treaty. He said the court will draw up its own position, which may be presented to the conference.

A British Conservative MEP said yesterday that the likely long-term outcome would be a more centralised monitoring structure. One of the report's findings was that decentralised monitoring structures, such as those prevalent in Germany, proved inefficient.

The report was criticised by John Tomlinson, Labour MEP and budget control spokesman of the parliament's socialist faction. Mr Tomlinson said the court had failed to conduct a comprehensive audit as required by the Maastricht Treaty and had focused too much on "a bit of spending here and there".

The report's bluntness was welcomed warmly by Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, who had come to Strasbourg for scheduled meetings with Conservative and Socialist leaders in the parliament. Mr Hurd called the report "the searchlight which we British insisted should be there in the Treaty of Maastricht. This is the first time this particular searchlight, much more powerful than before, is bringing the fraud to light." He said that the report presented a "substantial opportunity" for the European Parliament and the Commission.

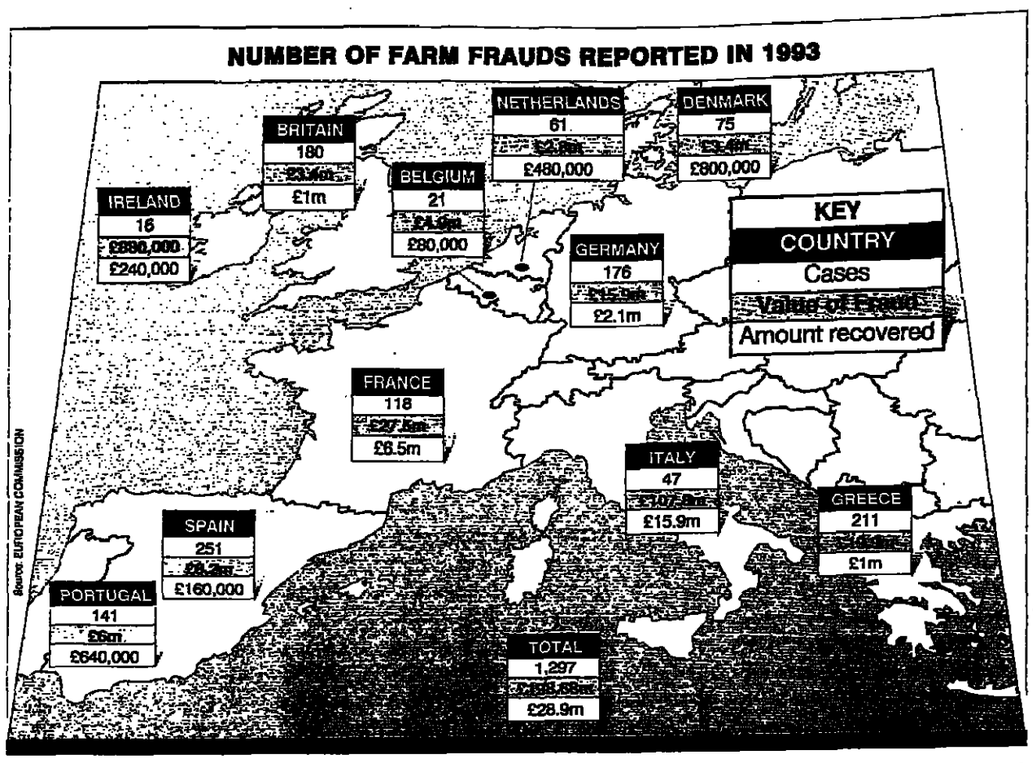
"There is no way it can prove itself better than by addressing the shortcoming identified by the report," he said.

After the meeting with parliamentary leaders, which Mr Hurd described as "lively", the Foreign Secretary said he found overwhelming support from both the Left and the Right for the British position, which sought to prevent further extension of the powers of the European Commission at the 1996 inter-governmental conference.

However, many parliamentarians argued in favour of extending the powers of the European Parliament, a request that Britain treats with scepticism. He also welcomed the recent debate about European monetary union at the CBI conference, which strongly supported a single European currency, an issue on which Mr Hurd proclaimed himself "agnostic".

☐ **Brussels:** The European Court of Justice told the European Commission yesterday that it did not have exclusive powers to negotiate trade accords for the EU but shared responsibility in key areas with member states. The decision could pose demarcation problems for the soon-to-be-enlarged EU when it negotiates trade deals after the World Trade Organisation is established in Geneva at the start of next year. But the immediate effect of the court's binding opinion should be to clear the way for the EU to finalise ratification of the Gatt Uruguay Round accord.

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Costly attempts to drain wine lake failed

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS AND MICHAEL HORNSBY

AT LEAST 10 per cent or around £6 billion of the European Union's budget is lost a year through mismanagement or fraud, according to European MPs critical of the union's financial arrangements.

But the union's court of auditors declined to add up the likely losses from what they describe as "a large number of problems . . . regarding the accounts and financial management of the most important fields of Community expenditure."

The document discloses that:

☐ Attempts to drain the EU's wine lake have failed: Brussels spent £936 million since 1989 to have vines pulled up, but production

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of table wine rose by 21 per cent in the same period.

☐ More than £8 million in excess export subsidies on butter, sent from Germany to the former Soviet Union, had to be recovered after officials used the wrong currency rates.

☐ In Greece, Customs inspections were five years behind schedule and so late that, under EU rules, huge Customs debts cannot be collected from businesses.

☐ Denmark is criticised for lax controls on farm subsidies; no documents existto explain exactly what the money was spent on.

☐ German apple-growers were paid more than £180,000 to grub-up apple trees, found to be still growing six months later.

☐ A sum of £940,000 was spent by the European Social Fund to train employees in multinational companies in Wales not threatened with unemployment.

☐ The EU is spending more than £1 billion on two buildings for the Council of Ministers and the European Parliament.

☐ Subsidies were paid twice over for cows and sheep grazing in Bavarian forests.

☐ About £200 million was spent on fish stocks between 1987 and 1993 but many of the Irish and Scottish producers went bankrupt because of imports of cheaper farmed salmon from Norway.

☐ Grants for training courses for east Germans were inflated.

☐ Five-year-old French wheat was delivered as "aid" to Lithuania; Latvia lost £390,000 on a shipment of inedible EU cereals.

☐ EU money went to a food firm in east Germany pouring untreated waste into sewers; funds helped rebuild a former state holiday camp without first removing asbestos in the walls of the bungalows.

The report trenchantly points out that EU law is so complicated that it helps fraudsters. "Weak internal control systems together with legislation that is often complex and far too open to misinterpretation facilitate fraud," it says.

The report, covering the year 1993, gives a rare glimpse of how much EU money reaches each state a day: EU grants to Greece in 1993 flowed at a rate of £11 million and to Denmark at £15.48 million. No reliable figures exist for the sums paid to Brussels by either state, but Greece's payments are small. Denmark's are large enough to mean that it receives only a little more than it pays.

Squad thwarted by apathy

BY GEORGE BROCK

THE fight against fraud inside the European Union's labyrinthine system of subsidies is hampered by the deadlock that preoccupies so much of the union's more high-flown debate over its future.

The European Commission's own fraud-busting squad of 60 officials is so small that its harvest of convictions is meagre. Those convictions can come only if national governments co-operate with Brussels against fraudsters, and not every country does so with equal — or sometimes any — enthusiasm. The last thing the governments want to do is give Eurocrats powers to conduct their own cross-border investigations.

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Thus, much EU fraud goes undetected, unmeasured and unpunished. The EU officials negotiate with governments and between governments; only a handful of cases reach court each year. All over Europe politicians complain about the ease with which money is bilked.

Per Knudsen, the Danish former Customs official who heads the EU fraud unit in Brussels, recently criticised the "incredible slowness" with which national police forces, prosecutors and Justice Ministries co-ordinated their efforts against bent businessmen who exploit the laxly written and poorly enforced rules for regional grants and farm subsidies.

Agriculture cheats reap rich harvest

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN comes low in the European Commission league table of the amount of money involved in fraud, and claims to be more zealous than many other member states in reporting irregularities to Brussels.

The biggest area for financial sharp practice is the common agricultural policy (CAP), which this year will cost about £30 billion, more than half the European Union's entire budget.

A total of 1,297 cases of agricultural fraud, worth nearly £200 million, were reported to Brussels in 1993, according to the Commission. About £29 million was recovered. Britain accounted for only

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£3.4 million of the fraud, lower than any other country except The Netherlands and recovered about £1 million. But the number of cases of fraud reported by Britain was 180, the third highest after Spain and Greece. Italy, with a figure of £107.8 million, accounted for more than half the reported fraud total.

One of the most fertile areas for malpractice is offered by export refunds, the subsidies that are paid to make high-priced EU farm goods saleable on markets outside the Union. Currently, for example, wheat sells for up to £110 a ton in the EU but only £87 a ton outside.

In 1993-93 there were 16 successful prosecutions for agricultural fraud. Eight were brought by the Ministry of Agriculture or its agencies and eight by Customs and Excise. Five people were jailed for up to four years.

Customs and Excise said that the new Criminal Justice Act should make prosecution easier. "It is not uncommon for fraud to be perpetrated in one country but directed from another", a spokesman said. "We can now prosecute in this country for a crime committed in another, which was not possible before."

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Why budget doubletalk really does make sense

BY PETER RIDDELL

KENNETH Clarke and William Cash view European matters through the opposite ends of a telescope.

The Chancellor describes the increase in the European budget as "modest", while Mr Cash, one of the leaders of the Tory Euro-sceptics, talks of British taxpayers continuing "to pour money into a bottomless, fraudulent pit".

The figures they quote also differ markedly.

Mr Clarke refers to increases of £75 million up to £250 million, while Mr Cash says Britain's contributions will rise from £1.7 billion this year up to £3.5 billion in two years.

These differences matter, not just in the light of the latest row about fraud in European programmes, but also with the prospect of Commons battles this winter about a new Bill raising the ceiling on the European budget, implementing the Edinburgh summit decisions of two years ago.

Mr Clarke and Mr Cash sometimes seem to occupy different political planets. They disagree about the impact of the budget legislation, but their contrasting figures are because they have been talking about different things.

Mr Clarke is right that the increase in Britain's net contributions to Europe as a direct result of the forthcoming Bill will be small — 0.1 per cent of total public spending in 1999 — while Mr Cash is right that spending is already rising sharply, even though he exaggerates the underlying rise.

Mr Clarke has been referring to the change in British net contributions, while Mr Cash has been talking about their absolute level.

Britain's European contributions tend to fluctuate sharply because they are based on estimates of likely levels of Value Added Tax, agricultural levies and other duties related to Britain's rate of economic growth. These are later adjusted in the light of what happens.

The British and European financial years also end at different times.

There are also differences about whether contributions are gross, or net of the abatement or rebate due to Britain under a formula which was agreed nearly ten years ago.



Kenneth Clarke and William Cash, right, at odds

Britain's net contribution is estimated by the Treasury at £1.3 billion in the current financial year, compared with £1.7 billion in 1993-94.

This drop largely refects

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adjustments for 1993 contributions and the bringing forward into 1993-94 of reimbursements of Common Agricultural Policy expenditure to member states.

Britain's net contributions are officially projected to increase to £2.8 billion in 1995-96, and £2.9 billion in 1996-97, before taking account of the proposed changes in the structure of the European budget.

This represents not just a bounce back from this year's artificially low level, but also a rise in contributions related to Britain's higher growth rate relative to other countries, in addition to increases in European spending.

Mr Cash argues that the change in the formula works against Britain if our growth rate rises, while his estimate of net contributions is about £700 million higher than the Treasury's for the next two years.

Mr Clarke has been talking, notably in his letter to Tory MPs last Friday, about the increase in the ceiling on revenue, or own resources, which Brussels can raise from member states. This was smaller than other countries sought.

On the assumption of a growth in the economy and of prices of 2½ per cent a year, Mr Clarke has claimed that Britain's net contribution to the budget is expected to increase, "compared with what we would have paid if the present ceiling was maintained, by about £75 million in 1995-96, rising to £250 million by the end of the century".

The latter reflects an increase in gross contributions by 1999 of about £650 million, offset by higher receipts and more from the British rebate due to the larger European budget.

The forthcoming European Finance Bill is, in practice, only a small adjustment to the existing pattern of payments.

It has been turned into a much larger argument by the Euro-sceptics because of their protests about misuse of money and by the existing rising trend of Britain's contributions to the European budget.

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Polls in Norway show EU support growing

FROM ASSOCIATED PRESS IN OSLO

NORWEGIAN proponents of the European Union made strong gains yesterday in the first opinion polls published since Sweden voted for membership — but the "No" side remained in the lead.

Norwegians will vote on November 28 in a non-binding referendum on EU membership, and the "Yes" side hopes that Sweden's approval on Sunday of membership will sway a large bloc of doubters.

In opinion polls released after the Swedish vote, support for membership ranged from 37 per cent to 42 per cent, gains of 4 to 6 per cent compared with surveys before the referendum. The "No" side gained in some polls and lost in others, ranging from 45 per cent to 58 per cent against.

Gro Harlem Brundtland, the Norwegian Prime Minister, predicted that the "Yes" side would continue to grow. "This is just the beginning," she said. "People will understand that Norway cannot stand isolated outside the EU when Sweden and Finland go in." Finnish voters said "Yes" a month ago.

A poll published yesterday by the Oslo newspaper, *Aftenposten*, indicated a 5 per cent gain for the "Yes" side to 40 per cent, and a 2 per cent increase to 48 per cent for the "No" side.

Another survey, in *Dagbladet* newspaper, said support rose to 42 per cent and opposition fell to 58 per cent. A Feedback Research survey said the "Yes" side rose to 39.7 per cent, while opposition dropped to 46.3 per cent, *Drammens Tidende* newspaper said.

Kohl scrapes back into office by single vote

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HELMUT Kohl, the German Chancellor, scraped back into office yesterday by one vote and immediately pledged to dedicate the next four years to promoting tighter European integration.

The Christian Democrat whips were more active than at any time over the past decade as they tried to keep down the number of defections during the secret parliamentary vote. Herr Kohl was re-elected by 338 out of 671 deputies — one more than the necessary minimum. The Chancellor beamed with relief but Rudolf Scharping, the opposition leader, quickly pointed out that the close vote was a sign of things to come. "Cliffhanger votes will now be a fixed part of our political life," the Social Democrat leader said.

However, Herr Kohl's supporters were philosophical. Norbert Blüm, the Labour Minister, said: "Politics is like football — it doesn't matter whether you win 3-1 or 1-0, you still get two points."

If Herr Kohl had not won enough votes, the ballot would have gone to a second round, and if he had been unsuccessful again, to a third round in which a simple majority would have been sufficient.

The Chancellor seemed confident that his majority, technically a ten-seat margin on most votes, was more than sufficient to pursue a firm European policy. "I hope now to ensure that the German train stays on the European track and that ultimately nobody will be able to derail the locomotive — that there will be no return to the politics of nationalism."

The speed of the train, the Chancellor said, "was not so important." The key aim was to lock Germany into Europe because "German unity and European unity are two sides of the same coin."

Herr Kohl's comments signalled his return to the European stage after a month of paralysis when he struggled to cobble together a coalition government after the October 16 general election. The broad contours of the new government have now been agreed and a Cabinet is to be announced tomorrow.

During the long election campaign and the subsequent horse trading, the German presidency of the European Union became something of a lame duck. German diplomats believe there will be a similar effect on the French presidency of the Union, which begins in January, as the battle for the Elysée Palace hots up.

The logic of co-operation between the French and Germany presidencies has thus become clear: Germany will be able to make much of the running while France fights its election. In the past, each country's six-month term as the EU's president was clearly separated from the rest, but Bonn and Paris have decided to work closely together during their consecutive tenures.

Herr Kohl has set his officials to work not only on a strategy for Eastern European entry to the Union, which will be the centrepiece of next month's EU summit in Essen, but also on a "Mediterranean concept" to draw North Africa into a closer institutional relationship with Europe.

The riddle of German power over the next two years, as Europe rumbles towards the 1996 Maastricht follow-up conference, is how far the Chancellor will be able to marry his ambitions for the continent with his restricted room for manoeuvre at home.



Helmut Kohl and his wife Hannelore waving to supporters after his re-election as German Chancellor by the Bonn parliament yesterday

Bonn presses for a 'hard-core' Europe

BY ROGER BOYES

BONN intends this week to intensify pressure on Britain to join in a "hard-core" Europe.

That was made plain yesterday by Karl Lamers, the powerful head of the German parliamentary foreign affairs committee, who is flying to London tomorrow for talks with Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary. Herr Lamers is the main author of a Christian Democrat strategy paper which is widely seen as representing Germany's true, if undeclared, plans for Europe.

Under the proposals France, Germany and the Benelux states would form a "hard core" of European states committed to full political and monetary integration, sidelining those which are unable or unwilling to take part in a fast moving union. Britain and other countries excluded from Herr Lamer's list of fast movers have taken offence.

"It is clear that we want Britain to join this hard core," Herr Lamers said yesterday. "More precisely, we want the Britons to want it. We are convinced that joining in is in their best interest." Britain risks being driven to the margins, he added. He will try to convince Mr Hurd. Conservative politicians and a Chatham House audience that there was no practical alternative to a "hard core" if Europe wanted to combine the goals of deepening and extending the union.

"What are the alternatives to a federal state?" he asked. "The only other options are a centralised Euro-state or a loose alliance." Britain wanted neither. Herr Lamers said it was already too centralised — "even more, in my view, than France."

Bank owes debt of gratitude to Germany

English, not German, will be the working language in "Eurotower", the skyscraper that houses the vanguard of the European central bank which began work yesterday (Roger Boyes writes).

Nonetheless, the European Monetary Institute (EMI), which will pave the way towards a single European currency, plainly owes a debt to Germany. Some of the smart furniture in the 36-floor Frankfurt building has been loaned from the Bundesbank.

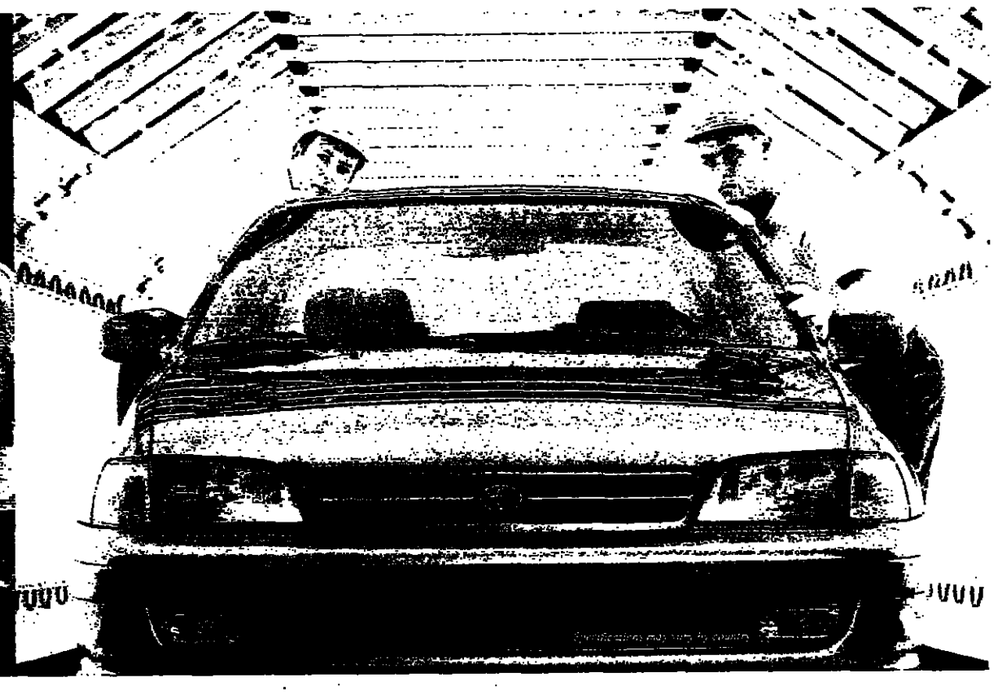
Few of the bank's senior staff — its chief is Baron Alexandre Lamfalussy, a Belgian — can forget that it was strenuous lobbying by Bonn that brought the institution to the city. According to Dutch government sources, Germany threatened to block Ruud Lubber's candidacy as President of the European Commission unless Amsterdam dropped its opposition to Frankfurt. In the event, Germany won the bank and torpedoed Mr Lubber's chances, but was thwarted in its attempt to plant Jean-Luc Dehaene at the head of the Commission.

The Maastricht treaty has given Baron Lamfalussy two tasks: to prepare the way for monetary union and build a network between the central banks of the 12 core members.

The most critical battle will be fought with Brussels. "The Commission is not yet accustomed to the fact that the EMI exists as an independent institution. They will have to get used to it," he said recently.

The institute seems determined to avoid the extravagances of the London-based European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which under Jacques Attali developed a taste for marble fixtures. At the EMI, which will occupy only the 11 top floors of the skyscraper, champagne was not on offer yesterday as business began.





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US tries to forge pact on eastward expansion of Nato

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton Administration has embarked on the second phase of its delicate diplomatic efforts to expand Nato eastwards without causing an open breach with Russia.

It is striving to forge an agreement between all Nato's present members on what one senior official called the "how and why" of expanding the alliance, though not yet the "who and when". America intends that Nato should present this agreement next year to all 23 members of Partnership for Peace, the present arrangement unveiled by President Clinton last January which offers former Warsaw Pact nations closer military co-operation with Nato but no guarantee of membership.

The agreement would make clear that eventual membership was on offer and spell out the means of achieving it. Those would include full compliance with Nato military requirements. There would be no "second-class members" given the protection of Nato's military umbrella purely for political reasons. In theory, therefore, Russia would have as good a chance of joining as Hungary or Poland and could not argue that Nato's expansion was anti-Russian.

Briefing journalists yesterday, the official refused to name the leading contenders for membership, although they clearly include Poland, Hungary and the Czech Republic. Nor would he discuss equally sensitive issue of timing, although other senior officials have suggested the first new members could be admitted in three to five years.

To reassure Moscow further that it will not be excluded from Europe's new security arrangements, the Administration plans concurrently to "strengthen and upgrade" the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe (CSCE), Russia's preferred forum for security discussions.

That process will begin at the CSCE summit in Budapest next month which President Clinton is expected to attend. The Administration sees the CSCE becoming an important force for conflict-prevention in Europe. First steps may include the appointment of more senior representatives and changing its name to "organisation" rather than the mere "conference".

Warren Christopher, the US Secretary of State, is to announce the Administration's vision for Europe's post-Cold War security architecture in a speech on Monday week, but its lobbying efforts have begun in earnest and should come to a head at Nato's Foreign Ministers' meeting in Brussels next month. A joint Pentagon and State Department team toured European capitals last week to brief the allies on the American plan and the Administration has been holding discussions with Moscow.

The Russians have opposed Nato's eastward expansion from the outset. Indeed, Partnership for Peace was portrayed initially by its critics as a means of fobbing off the new Central European democracies clamouring for Nato membership without inflaming nationalist sentiment in Russia. This new American drive proves those critics wrong, although American commentators have not missed the irony of the Administration pressing for Nato expansion at the very moment that the alliance is threatening to break apart over Bosnia.

The official said that the Administration had rejected both the school of thought that insisted Nato could not be expanded because it would upset Moscow, and the school that argued it should be expanded immediately while Russia remained weak.

It believed instead that the "gradual and careful" eastward expansion of Nato could be presented as beneficial to Western Europe and Russia because it would bring stability to the region that had been the "seedbed" of the century's great wars.



Women soldiers trained to fight in the Bosnian government army taking part in manoeuvres in Sarajevo yesterday

Alliance aims to hit Serbs in Croatia

REPRESENTATIVES of Nato and Croatia are working on a plan to allow alliance war planes to strike Serb troops inside Croatia if they attack peacekeepers in Bosnia or the Bihac "safe area".

Fighting over the past two weeks around the enclave in northwestern Bosnia-Herzegovina has highlighted a loophole which would allow Serbs in neighbouring Croatia to attack United Nations troops or a "safe area" with impunity. Because of limitations in UN mandates, Nato jets are not permitted into Croatian air space.

In Zagreb yesterday, Admiral Leighton Smith, Nato's southern European commander, held talks with General Bertrand Delapresle of the UN on the issue. There was no firm agreement, but UN officials said it was only a matter of time.

America yesterday agreed to requests by Russia, Britain, France and Germany for a meeting in Brussels early next month of the Contact Group on Bosnia. The Group's unity was badly strained by the Administration's decision to cease enforcing the UN arms embargo against Bosnia's Muslims last week.

Meanwhile in Belgrade a man running a company supplying the casino business was seriously injured in a suspected gangland car bombing outside a gambling club. The explosion, close to the offices of President Milosevic, shattered shop windows.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Americans join Haiti flood rescue

Washington: Thousands of American troops, who restored the government of President Aristide, joined rescue and repair efforts yesterday as reports claimed that at least 125 people died in flooding and devastation caused by torrential rain in Haiti (Ian Brodie writes).

The United States is giving $25 million (£15.8 million) for disaster relief after the tropical storm Gordon brought down power lines and engulfed flimsy homes in mudslides.

Inmates killed

Algiers: Security forces crushed an attempted break-out at a prison holding 3,000 detainees south of Algiers. At least 30 inmates were killed and 60 people were injured, Algerian sources said. *(AP)*

Nuclear fear

Vilnius: Sweden has arrested a man in connection with a threat to blow up a Lithuanian nuclear plant, which had to be shut down overnight. It was searched by Swedish experts with tracker dogs. *(AFP)*

Nepal violence

Kathmandu: One person was shot dead and 15 injured in scattered violence during parliamentary elections at the weekend. Voting was postponed for several days at 42 polling stations. *(Reuter)*

Mother cares



Rome: Alessandra Muss... above, the grandaughte... Italy's wartime leader, is p... nant. Announcing the n... the neo-Fascist MP, 31, s... she was "happy" but had n... yet decided if she and husba... Mauro would name a bo... Benito, after the dictator.

Gingrich leads crusade for restoration of school prayers



Gingrich: owes victory to Religious Right

FROM IAN BRODIE IN WASHINGTON

THE controversial issue of allowing America's state-run schools to hold prayers, outlawed for more than 30 years, has been put high on the agenda by Republicans who won control of Congress in last week's mid-term elections.

They intend to conduct hearings around the country in the coming months and to force a vote on the issue before the Fourth of July next year. Passage will not be easy, even though polls show that three-quarters of Americans are in favour.

In a decision that has long incensed conservatives and religious groups, the US Supreme Court banned school prayers in 1962 as a violation of the Constitution's separation of church and state. Many Americans blame the ruling for a widespread lack of faith and beliefs that have led to a breakdown of family values, diminishing moral standards and rising crime.

To overturn the Supreme Court ruling requires an amendment to the Constitution, which must be passed by a two-thirds majority in the House of Representatives and Senate, followed by ratification by at least 38 of the 50 states.

The process could take several years and the outcome is far from certain. Previous attempts have fallen short in Congress. Opinions could change, but for now the idea would still be unlikely to muster a two-thirds vote in the Senate, where some moderate Republicans side with Democrats in opposing it.

Much will depend on how the issue is couched. There would be wholesale aversion to discriminating against students of no faith or non-Christian denominations. An acceptable alternative might be a "moment of silence" at the start of each school day, an idea recently passed into law in Georgia but already being challenged in court.

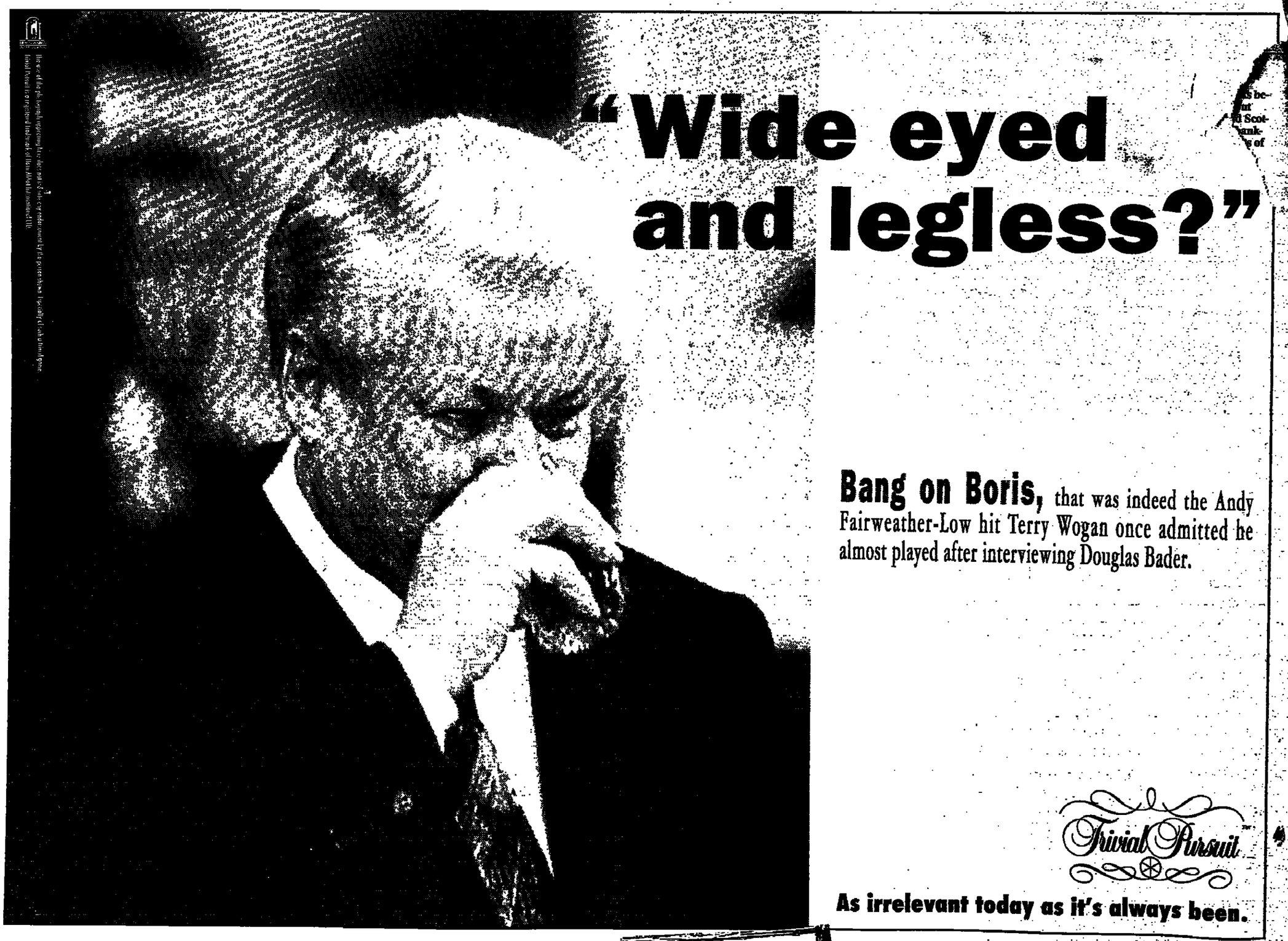
The push for school prayer has been offered by Newt Gingrich, the aggressive Republican Speaker-designate, as a thank-you to workers from the Religious Right who helped his party to its landslide victory. He said his philosophy is to re-establish the teaching of Americans' inalienable rights endowed by their Creator, as stated in the Declaration of Independence.

Alarms are being raised by another Gingrich suggestion for removing children from parents who are ceaselessly on welfare and putting them into state orphanages. Use of the word orphanages has raised the spectre of Dickensian horrors. But Tony Blankley, Mr Gingrich's spokesman, says the institutions would be better than conditions facing babies in the worst parts of US cities and "they won't have to worry about being shot".

Among Democrats, the scale of the defeat has provoked a jockeying for position on Capitol Hill, all anxious to distance themselves from President Clinton. Richard Gephardt, the House Democratic leader, is being challenged by Charlie Rose, a Southerner who says Mr Gephardt ceded too much power to the White House.

The leader of black members of Congress, Kweisi Mfume, a liberal Democrat, has launched a bid to lead the House Democratic Caucus. He accuses the former leadership of failing to listen to all Democrats.

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Asia-Pacific states vow to bolster trade links



Batik line-up: President Clinton and President Suharto of Indonesia, far right, among Asia-Pacific leaders at Bogor Palace yesterday, all wearing local silk shirts

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN JAKARTA

THE leaders of 18 Asia-Pacific nations agreed yesterday to remove all trade barriers and to start building what could be the world's largest free-trade zone by the year 2020 in the economically fastest-growing region of the world.

President Suharto of Indonesia, 73, chairman of the summit of the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation (Apec) forum, an area that makes up half the world's economy and comprises more than two-fifths of global trade, said outside the government palace in the hill resort of Bogor that the advanced countries of Apec would attain their objective not later than the year 2010 and the developing countries by 2020.

"As to the operational basis," General Suharto remarked, "the agreement says the strong shall help the weak."

China and Malaysia — which were reluctant to go along with a firm timetable and resisted deadlines because of Apec's mix of developed (America, Japan, Australia and New Zealand), newly industrialising (South Korea, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore) and developing (China) economies — were apparently accommodated to a point. There is, however, clearly bargaining to be done before the next Apec summit, in Osaka, Japan, next year.

Malaysia also interpreted yesterday's agreement broadly. "It is a very good agreement," Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamed, the Malaysian Prime Minister, said later. "We wanted flexibility and I am happy to say that they accommodated us as part of an annexe to the report. We interpret it as allowing us to go beyond 2020 if a state of development has not yet caught up." He said that Malaysia's per capita income would be $16,000 (£10,000) a year by 2020. "We would still be comparatively backward at that date," he said, adding that America would not have stood still.

The final Apec declaration, agreed at a meeting in Bogor attended by President Clinton, President Jiang Zemin of China and the leaders of Japan, South Korea and Mexico, among others, stated: "We are determined to demonstrate Apec's leadership in fostering global trade and investment liberalisation."

The statement added: "We will start our concerted liberalisation process from the date of this statement."

As demonstrators for the third day in succession took to the streets of Dili, capital of East Timor, the territory invaded by Indonesia in 1975, President Clinton promised to raise the issue of human rights abuse in East Timor at a meeting with President Suharto tomorrow. At the same time, 29 East Timorese demonstrators kept up their protest inside the compound of the American Embassy in Jakarta and asked for political asylum in Portugal, the colonial administrator until just before the invasion.

MAIN POINTS OF ACCORD

- ☐ **To achieve free and open trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region by 2020, with industrialised economies reaching the goal by 2010;**
- ☐ **Strengthen open, multilateral trading system;**
- ☐ **Intensify development co-operation in the region;**
- ☐ **Carry out commitments under the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) fully and without delay; and**
- ☐ **Expand and accelerate trade and investment programmes.**

Quake and tidal waves ravage Philippine island

FROM ABBY TAN IN MANILA

TIDAL waves up to 48 ft high devastated several coastal towns after a powerful earthquake hit the Philippines yesterday morning. At least 46 people were killed.

Five hours after the quake, measuring 6.7 on the Richter scale, seismologists had recorded more than 700 aftershocks. The epicentre was located about 70 miles south of Manila, the capital, and was felt 188 miles away.

In Manila, many people fled from their homes after being awoken by the earthquake. An aftershock, measuring 5.1, hit the capital in the afternoon.

The worst-affected areas were in the central island of Mindoro. In the town of Baco, about 90 miles south of Manila, bodies of children were found hanging in trees yesterday morning. Rod Valencia, the Governor of Mindoro, said: "The earthquake was accompanied by a roar. Then the waves came, as high as 10 to 15 metres [48 ft]."

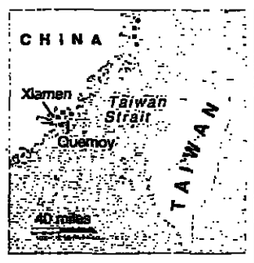
Radio stations, quoting local officials, reported that more than 155 people were injured by the quake which struck at 3.15 am when most people were asleep. In the tourist resort of Puerto Galera the base of a mountain was split open, and tidal waves smashed boats ashore. Officials said there were no reports yet of foreigners among the casualties.

The state-run National Power Corporation said two main power plants in Luzon had been affected and that a floating power barge off Mindoro had been washed away and another damaged. Government relief agencies said electricity and water supplies, and telephone lines had been knocked out in most of Mindoro, where fishing and farming communities live.

Tourists joined local residents in panic buying of fuel and food, radio reports said.

President Ramos, attending the Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation summit in Indonesia, ordered his Cabinet to mobilise relief for the stricken island, and ordered the release of emergency funds.

☐ **Colombo:** More than 200,000 people were made homeless after heavy monsoon rains coupled with a huge tidal wave flooded north-west and eastern Sri Lanka. Those affected have sought refuge at makeshift camps in Ampara, Batticaloa and Trincomalee in the past three days, officials said. *(Reuter)*



Taiwanese shell city in China 'by mistake'

FROM REUTER IN TAIPEI

TAIWAN said yesterday it had accidentally shelled China, drawing condemnation from Peking and driving relations to a new low.

China's official Xinhua news agency said that Taiwanese troops on Lesser Quemoy, an island just over a mile off the mainland, fired at least a dozen shells into a suburb of Xiamen. Four people were injured, two seriously, Xinhua said.

Taiwan's defence ministry said the attack was a mistake which happened because the anti-aircraft shells failed to explode in mid-air as intended but crashed onto the mainland. The ministry expressed deep regret.

Peking issued a strong condemnation of Taiwan, which is ruled by the nationalists who fled there after losing the civil war against the Communists in 1949.

Xinhua quoted a spokesman for the Taiwan Affairs Office as saying that the bombardment was an evil act and "a vicious incident that sabotaged the peaceful atmosphere across the Taiwan Straits". The spokesman demanded that Taipei launch an immediate investigation, publish the facts and severely punish those responsible.

China and Taiwan each claim sovereignty over all China and Peking has not renounced the use of force to recover the island. Political tensions eased in the late 1980s and commercial contacts have boomed. However, there are many weapons in and around the Taiwan Straits and military tensions remain high.

Palestinian state 'better for Israel'

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

A SENIOR Israeli foreign ministry official yesterday said a friendly Palestinian state would be better for Israel than a limited autonomy zone harbouring terrorists.

In an important modification of adamant opposition to an independent Palestinian state, Uri Savir, the director-general of the ministry, suggested in London that a pluralist, democratic entity on Israel's border would be better for the Jewish state than a hostile area of limited sovereignty. He believed there should eventually be an economic and political confederation between a Palestinian state and Jordan, possibly also including Israel in a single economic zone.

Mr Savir, the key negotiator of the Oslo peace agreement and the subsequent autonomy arrangements with the Palestinians, was speaking on the day that Palestinians took control of tourism from the Israelis at a ceremony in Bethlehem. They also celebrated the sixth anniversary of the declaration in Algiers of an independent Palestinian state in the West Bank and Gaza.

Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, visiting Israeli troops in Gaza yesterday, demanded tougher action by the Palestine Liberation Organisation to curb suicide attacks by Islamic militants. Palestinian police yesterday released 17 of the 200 Islamic Jihad activists rounded up last week and said more might be freed after they were interrogated.

Mr Savir, who had talks with Foreign Office officials on Monday, said that political and social tension in Gaza had threatened the entire peace process. He appealed to Western countries to treat emergency aid to Gaza as a special case: unless jobs were created swiftly, the private sector encouraged and international aid disbursed, frustration would boost support for Hamas and other opponents of the peace treaty.

"Either Gaza improves or the peace process erodes," he said. Mr Savir expressed exasperation with the slow pace of change and the inability of Yassir Arafat, the Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman, to take firm grip on the government in the autonomous zones.

Israel, however, would do all it could to bolster Mr Arafat: the Israelis recently made a big effort to persuade him of this, Mr Savir said.

He said that Israel would not negotiate with Hamas or allow it to take part in Palestinian elections as long as it espoused violence.

Cairo: Defying a 35-year ban and in reaction to last month's assassination attempt on Naguib Mahfouz, right, the Noble Prize winning novelist, Egyptian newspapers have begun printing best-selling special editions containing the complete text of his banned work, *Children of Gabalawi*. It was banned because it contains personifications of God and several prophets, including Muhammad.



Mandela brokers Angola pact

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

PRESIDENT Mandela of South Africa yesterday brokered a ceasefire between the Angolan government and the Unita rebels, aimed at bringing about a permanent peace treaty on Sunday.

Returning from a summit meeting in Lusaka, the Zambian capital, Mr Mandela told a press conference that President dos Santos of Angola had agreed to an immediate ceasefire. This removed a big stumbling block in the way of a resumption of peace talks. Unita, led by Jonas Savimbi, had protested that it was impossible to talk about peace without an immediate end to fighting.

The Angolan government, which has been conducting a highly successful campaign to expel the rebels from their stronghold in the central town of Huambo, was sticking to an earlier peace agreement which said a ceasefire would come into effect two days after the treaty was signed.

Pretoria backs down on elephant trade

BY NICK NUTTALL, ENVIRONMENT CORRESPONDENT

SOUTH Africa astonished delegates to a wild life conference yesterday by withdrawing a controversial proposal to again allow trade in elephant hides and meat.

The proposal, which had the support of professional conservation groups, including the World Wide Fund for Nature, had provoked a fierce political row within the British Government. John Gummer, the Environment Secretary, had opposed the plan on animal welfare grounds but it was backed by Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary, who believes that the harvesting of culled elephant products makes conservation sense.

Angry at Mr Gummer's intransigence, Mr Hurd asked John Major to intervene, which the Prime Minister was doing as late as Monday. Mr Gummer was finally swayed into a compromise in which the British delegation would have abstained if the issue had come to a vote.

Outraged animal welfare organisations feared the plan would send a signal to poachers that the ivory trade was to be resumed, although South Africa has promised to support the ivory ban.

A spokesman for the Kenyan delegation said there had been a sharp rise in poaching in the past two months. He linked this to the South African proposal.

South Africa claims it has too many elephants because of strong anti-poaching enforcement and will cull several hundred elephants this year. Its delegation withdrew the proposal ten minutes into the debate in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, after gauging the strength of the opposition.

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Bright star rising





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Anthony Symonds (above), this year's fashion graduate superstar, has won a rare accolade — his designs are to be showcased in the window of Browns



ABOVE LEFT: Brown chiffon print kimono, £350; white animal print dress, £550. Diamanté loop chain bracelet, £38; wide diamanté bracelet, £48, Butler & Wilson, 20 South Molton Street, London W1 (Inquiries: 071-409 2955)

ABOVE: Cream leather jacket, £525, coffee and cream print silk pants, £500; coffee silk embossed shirt, £275. Diamanté choker, £48, Butler & Wilson, as before

FAR LEFT: Dark brown leather trench coat, £650; brown/white print shirt, £370. Natural Ultra Fine tights, £3.99, Aristoc, major department stores nationwide. Diamanté hoop earrings, £28; diamanté loop chain bracelet; wide diamanté bracelet, Butler & Wilson, as before

All clothes by Anthony Symonds available from Browns, 23-27 South Molton Street, W1

Photographs by RICHARD LOHR.
Hair and make-up by Gordan Pindar for Brinks & Huck. Styling by Jane Roarty

Every summer hundreds of fashion students from all over Great Britain leave college with little more than a certificate of education and an overdraft to their name. Their moment of glory on the catwalk — after three or four years of hard work — can be over in minutes, seconds even. Blink, and you might have missed the next John Galliano or Jean Muir.

"I don't think every student can be a star, nor should they be," says Joel Bernstein, a buyer for Browns, the swanky store in South Molton Street, London. However, Bernstein, along with Joan Burstein, the owner of Browns, sits in the front row at the graduate fashion shows on the lookout for new talent. Hoping to discover the next big thing.

It was Mrs Burstein who snatched Galliano's end-of-course collection off the catwalk and showcased it in the window of her store. Similarly, the designs of Hussein Chalayan, when he graduated a few years later. Both have become major influences on the international stage. "There is," Mrs Burstein says, "always one good graduate every year. But one who is outstanding and really exciting does not happen very often."

Earlier this year I reviewed the Esprit Graduate Fashion Week. One collection, by Anthony Symonds, a graduate of Central Saint Martins *was* outstanding.

Symonds's designs were immediately arresting. He won the coveted award for the best overall collection at the Esprit Graduate Awards, and garnered the attention of the Browns team, who instantly snapped up the fledgeling designer's collection.

His designs now hang in the store alongside international labels such as Dolce e Gabbana, Jean Paul Gaultier, Rifat Ozbek and Martin Margiela, and from next Monday — for one week — will be featured in Browns' window display.

Bernstein was attracted to the sharp strong shapes and Symonds's modern concept of engineered fabric. He admired Symonds's individual spirit.

Symonds himself was acutely aware that he had to create a collection which would look like nobody else's. He says: "I try to react to prevailing trends in the opposite way, otherwise it's boring. Everyone else at college was doing neutrals, and deconstruction, so I did real shoulders, and a tailored silhouette. I wanted it to look professional and slick.

"My work is very commercial. I'm always aware of the function — the practicalities of the design are everything."

Indeed. The beauty of Symonds's designs is that they meet the requirements of the modern wardrobe: easy yet glamorous. Key pieces include leather peacoats and blazers, slim-fit shirts, wide-legged trousers, silky slip dresses and diaphanous kimono jackets — all impeccably coloured in chocolate, coffee and black tones, coated with luxe-looking animal prints and sequin transfer.

Symonds, who is 30, was a mature student and had already worked in the fashion business, at one time cutting for John Galliano. He had his own business in the early 1980s, designing handprinted shirts, which he sold to Paul Smith. "It went well," he says, "but it wasn't worth the stress."

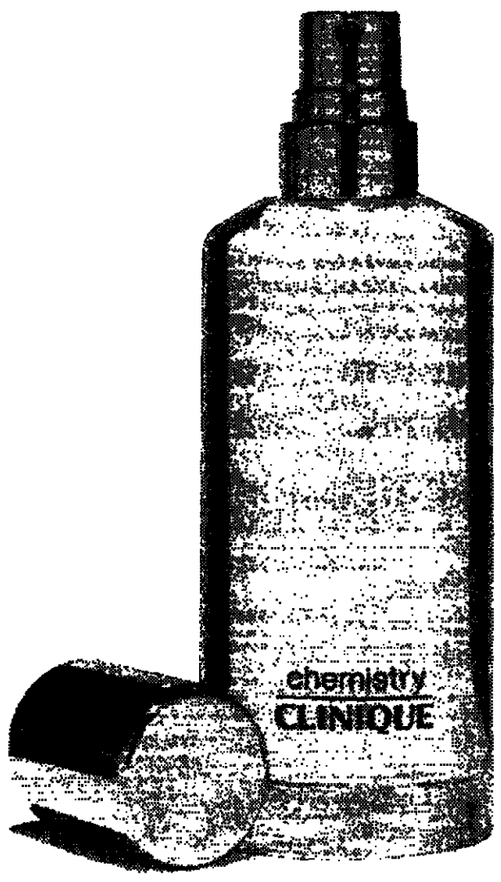
Symonds believes that the ethos of Central Saint Martins encourages talent to flourish. "It doesn't teach people very much," he says, "but it allows them to learn."

He has no illusions of becoming a star overnight. "I don't want to have a label, get two pages in *Vogue*, then go bankrupt," he says. At present, he is a design consultant for companies in Italy, Germany and London.

"I'm doing what I enjoy doing: trends and concept work. I want to make my mistakes in private. I want to have some fun before I commit myself to years of hard work, which is what being a designer would be."

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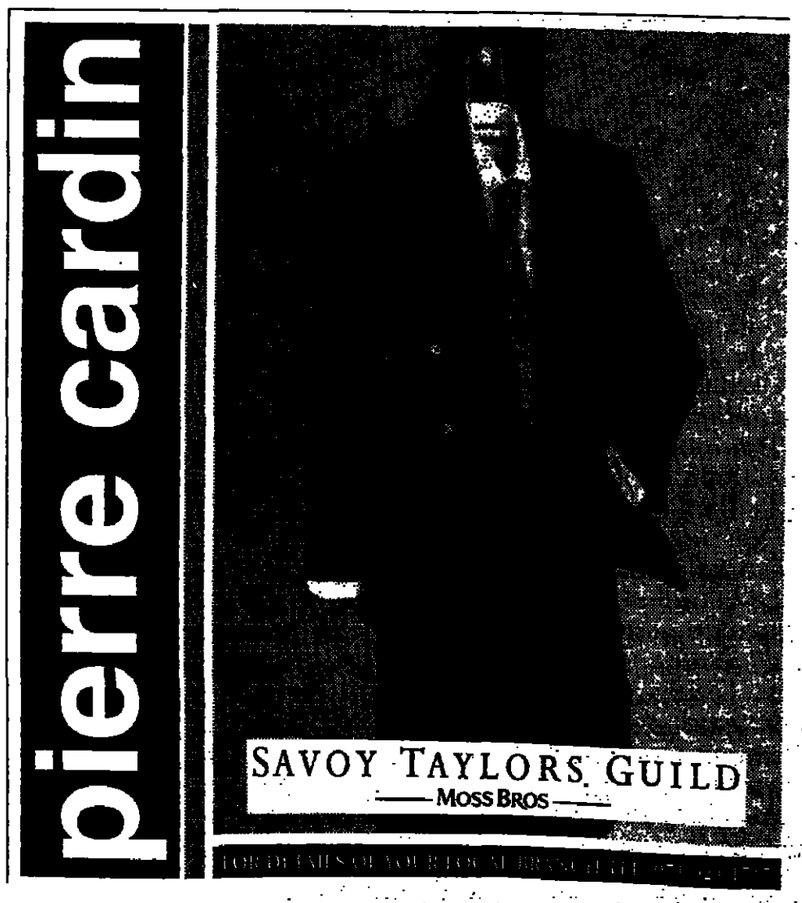
HOTLINE

● ADDRESSING Dressing is a new series of fashion talks at the ICA this month. Next on the agenda, on November 22 at 7.30pm, is street style and its use on the catwalk. On show on November 29 between noon and 6pm will be work by Central Saint Martins second-year fashion students. Details, 071-930 3647.

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RACHEL COLLINS



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Libby Purves on an exotic 19th-century scandal about to get fresh exposure

Why they fêted the fake princess



CITY OF BRISTOL MUSEUM AND ART GALLERY

Caraboo, the mysterious kidnapped Princess of Javasu, painted by Edward Bird in 1817

On April 3, 1817, a striking young woman was found wandering near Bristol, speaking in a strange tongue. She was taken in by a wealthy family; friends of the Prince Regent; by patient questioning and sign language it was discovered that she was the kidnapped Princess of Javasu, by name Caraboo. Her queenly grace, strange dances and exotic religious ceremonies charmed and intrigued the nation.

At least, they did until June 10, when it was discovered, to everybody's embarrassment, that Caraboo was in fact Mary Baker, a penniless servant-girl with a chequered past whose sailor husband had left her.

The Caraboo impersonation began as an ingenious way to beg her fare to the New World without being slammed in the workhouse as a vagrant; it was prolonged by the sheer enthusiasm of her hosts. In those years after Captain Cook's return from the South Seas, polite society was eagerly receptive to the idea of a noble savage. As eager as the London literary luncheers were last week to welcome the wild hair, blarney and eccentric clothing of the lady tramp who pretended to be a travel writer. Some things never change.

Indeed, successful impostors have a kind of genius: they are performers and psychologists, constantly inventive and brilliantly observant of the victims' response. Caraboo deserves her immortality. There is a film of her life out in December, starring Phoebe Cates, and John Wells's book based on his screenplay. Next week *Caraboo* by Jennifer Raison and Michael Goldie appears (Windrush Press, £9.99). Jennifer Raison has studied her for years. "She turns up in collections like Edith Sitwell's *English Eccentrics*, but really, you know, she wasn't an eccentric. She did it because she had to."

Mary, she points out, came from a class which could not afford the luxury of whimsy. Her "Confession", which forms the second part of the book, tells of a life of drudgery and penury in a servant-class from which there was no escape. One of her most touching memories is of buying a muslin dress, loving the exotic feel of it, but being called a whore by her parents and shunned for not knowing her place.

It is satisfying to know that during her escape into the role of savage princess, she got revenge. Her hosts gave her golden silk out of which she devised a neoclassical South Sea garb just immodest enough to flutter the gentry, but not alarm them. Indeed, her judgment was always exact: even her exotic dances were clean enough for the drawing-room. She signified her Christian instincts by cutting the cross off her hot-cross bun and pinning it on her dress. This woman had wit.

> She kept her exotic dances clean enough for the gentry

Jennifer Raison's sources are books, letters and newspapers of the period, and Caraboo's confession. At one stage, a publisher wanted her to write it as "a bodice-ripper, with someone from Mills and Boon to hold my hand", but Ms Raison, a diffident writer who runs a puppet-shop in Kensington, was unwilling to do an Anna Pasternak on her subject. "I didn't want to make up too much. I don't want to speculate on whether she was a fantasist or a schizophrenic or whatever; I think she had perfectly good reasons to be dressed as a foreigner. Then she got trapped in a web of snobbery."

She has, however, amused herself by making up the diaries of Mrs Worrall, the banker's wife who took in Caraboo. It is in her words that we hear of the brilliant performance Mary Baker put up.

She invented an alphabet, part-Arabic, part-Chinese, part-doodle, which survives, and proves she had a sharp eye for the squiggles on packages down at the docks when she was with her sailor. Archbishop Whalley did dismiss it as "a fine specimen of the Humbug language", but was shouted down by others who confidently opined "not a pure language... a dialect from Sumatra". A Cathay traveller "discovered" her origins from the way she held a weapon. He also talked of poison sap being put on daggers by heathens, whereon she — on cue — sneaked over to a houseplant and rubbed its sap on the dagger. Thus proving, to willing eyes, her authenticity.

All reports suggest that she had presence: dark brows, a commanding mien. The only member of the household who nearly exposed her was a jeering valet, but she could always keep the gentry guessing. She would be at one moment gentle and submissive: the next plunging into the lake, or making a shrine to her deity, "Allah Tallah", or climbing up a tree and signalling that this was a sacred rite to avoid the contamination of men. Once, she roped a gong to her backside and banged it in a savage dance.

Jennifer Raison thinks Mr Worrall got rather fed up, but the ladies remained charmed. "You see, bankers weren't proper gentry — Mrs Worrall was getting callers she never had before. It was reflected glory."

All good things end. A newspaper story with her portrait brought recognition from her former landlady, and Mary came clean. Broadsheet ballads ridiculed the Worralls and their friends — "With lady-airs in plenty/she gulled the cognoscenti". To her credit, Elizabeth Worrall paid Mary's fare to Newfoundland. She came back two years later, bore a daughter, and ended her life (according to a contemporary letter in *The Times*) an old woman selling leeches to the Bristol Infirmary. Jennifer Raison hopes she has met a descendant. "Well, there was a woman in the West Country who says her great-great grandmother was known as Princess, and nobody knew why."

These days, such natural charisma and quick wit would have given her her own TV show. In 1817, Mary Baker had fewer options: but she made it into the portrait galleries, books and now film, as a spirited footnote in history. So she did, in the end, beat the system.

The French Sinatra's old-fashioned way

Charles Aznavour — last of the great crooners — is still a star at 70, says **Charles Bremner**

France has three immortal Charleses. First comes *le Grand* Charles, the late general who died in 1970, but whose spirit reigns over the republic he founded. Then there is Charles Trenet, "*le fou chantant*", the 1940s boulevardier who is still going strong at the age of 81. The youngest is *le Roi* Charles, an ordinary-looking little man of 70 who has the power to charm the world.

For France and much of the planet, the rueful, ironic, love songs of Charles Aznavour are so much part of the popular subconscious that, watching him waltz into *Les Plaisirs Demodés* ("The Old-Fashioned Way") this month at the Palais des Congrès you get the same frisson as seeing Sinatra hit the opening of "My Way". The two have much in common. Consummate crooners down to their patent shoes, neither has anything left to prove because the audience was seduced long ago.

Sinatra fools around with his standards, his voice betraying his age. Aznavour, all of a skinny five feet four, jokes on stage about his hair transplant and makes no pretence over the raspy voice that Sammy Davis Jr once called "the sound of a living nightmare". (Davis also noted that "his terrible sincerity disarms his irony").

Yet, from the moment Aznavour appears on a little black staircase, unaccompanied by the smoke and lasers of the modern rock geriatrics, a misty-eyed look comes over a crowd that spans three generations. He is casting the spell every night for five weeks until November 28, drawing audiences that include many youngsters of the Metallica generation, an age-group whose parents courted to the melancholy of "*Que C'est Triste, Venise*" and "*Hier encore j'avais vingt ans*" (Yesterday When I was Young). He may be 70, Aznavour confides to the audience, but he was much more obsessed with nostalgia in those younger days. "It's in your twenties that you regret time passing."

Unlike the man from Hoboken who sings other people's songs, Aznavour has written the romantic soundtrack not just for himself, but for nearly half a century of performers, starting with Piaf. Juliette Greco and post-war Saint-Germain-des-Près, all the way through to Patricia Kaas, the latest in the long line of Gallic stars struggling to make it abroad. He is still writing as hard as ever, offering half a dozen new songs in his show and launching *Toi et Moi*, a new album, already a hit.

Without doubt, Aznavour is, as *Le Monde* said this month, "France's last great singer on a global scale." Chevalier and Montand are gone, as are Georges Brassens and Serge Gainsbourg, singer-writers like Aznavour who never scored his celebrity outside France. The failure of the Gallic product to make it much beyond the francophone world is a matter of anguish for a country which is devoting millions to subsidising the losing fight against "Anglo-Saxon" culture.

How is it, many wonder, that Aznavour can still fill Radio City Music Hall in New York while France's younger stars are virtually unknown abroad?

A silly answer would be that he is not French. Born in the Latin quarter of Armenian immigrant parents, Charles Aznavourian does pack a strain of levantine melancholy, as he says himself: "You can find all the themes of the Oriental in my songs: wine, women, love, the couple, age, death, time and nothing else." Another answer is that Aznavour is an abstemious perfectionist who, happily married for the past 27 years and a grandfather, has never burnt out. "I'm still singing those earthy love songs. I don't imitate the latest trend. I've never done rock'n'roll. I don't jump on bandwagons," he says.



Aznavour in his heyday: romantic soundtracks

But the explanation lies beyond the exotic tint and the professional technique. Aznavour is the greatest exponent of *la chanson réaliste*, those unvarnished poems of love, loss and anguish that conquered the world with Piaf in the late 1940s.

Piaf took Aznavour, a former child actor, under her wing as her protégé, persuading him to ignore the ridicule over his modest physique. "They used to say: 'When you are as ugly as that and when you have a voice like that, you do not sing. But Piaf used to tell me 'You will be the greatest'," he says. Success finally came in Casablanca in 1956.

He finally broke through on his own at the Alhambra music hall in 1957 and France proclaimed him a star. America followed when he took the risk of booking the Carnegie Hall after starring in Francois Truffaut's film *Shoot the Pianist*. *Life* magazine called him "the international show business phenomenon of the decade" and in the mid 1960s he shoved the Beatles out of the number one slot in the American hit parade with "She".

In his new show, Aznavour credits Trenet as his first master and is paying homage to him with "Trenetement", the punning title of a new song in the older man's light-hearted style. "It was hearing Trenet for the first time that I realised that in the French song, the words are everything," he says, all Gallic charm and twinkling eyes. Aznavour regards himself first of all as a wordsmith. "I'm someone who knows how to write and recite verses well." He could add that he is also a virtuoso actor, who turns his numbers into little sketches, playing through gesture and extraordinary energy, the deceived husband, the lonely gay and the jilted lover.

Aznavour said he learnt about pathos not just from Trenet and Piaf but from Carlos Gardel and Al Jolson. It is obvious that his broad appeal was driven by the way that he incorporated the American style and language, which, he says, he learnt from Cole Porter, Gershwin, Johnny Mercer and Sinatra.

Despite the American influence, Aznavour is fiercely patriotic and has no time for the ersatz American that passes for modern Gallo-pop. "We will succeed by defending the French spirit and not by copying the United States," he said the other day.

After writing a thousand songs and performing in 60 films Aznavour might be thinking of retirement to the Swiss villa where he has lived since running into tax troubles in the 1970s. But he will have none of it. He has one ambition, he says. "I want to be the oldest one in the cemetery."



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A wolf inside every Fido

The latest attack on a child raises an atavistic fear in modern man

THE ATTACK on 22-month-old Jaye Coxhead by the family pet — a dog called Ishtar with more Canadian timber wolf in him than was at first thought — has stirred ancestral fears in Britain that had lain dormant for 250 years. In 1743, a Scottish hunter named McQueen returned to his home on the River Findhorn with the body of what he claimed was the last wolf in Britain. That, as far as lycophobics were concerned, was that.

Nonetheless, the Eastern European culture of the lycanthrope, and its manifestation in werewolf movies, has perpetuated the myth of the wolf as a threat to man, and fairy-stories from Little Red Riding Hood to the tale of the boy who cried "wolf" have ensured the animal's continued bogey reputation.

However, as sympathy began to outweigh fear in the conservationist atmosphere that has grown since the 1960s, there have been numerous projects to reintroduce the wolf to Britain. The most recent was this year at Kincraig, in the Highlands.

There are dwindling wolf populations in Spain, Scandinavia and the former Soviet Union, where unsentimental locals cull them systematically. (The only increase in Russian wolf numbers this century was during the two world wars, when men were busy killing each other).



Wolf — genetic timebomb

Even in modern society, every domestic dog has a little wolf in him. Accepted canine evolutionary history describes how wolves used to scavenge around human settlements 14,000 years ago. Gradually, men began to rely on them, and their highly developed senses, to warn of danger. Selective breeding ever since has been responsible for everything from the chihuahua to the St Bernard.

Since the 1976 Dangerous Animals Act it has been illegal to keep a wolf in Britain without a licence, but this law does not apply to hybrids. The problem with Ishtar was that the years of breeding which have led to the even temperament, fidelity, and domesticity of most pets, had been bypassed. "There are a number of breeders producing these animals," said the RSPCA. "We are very much against it. The wolf is genetically predisposed to attack; it has none of the kinder tendencies that come with breeding. Foreign wolves are imported and coupled with domestic dogs with the result that their savage genes are at large in the canine population. We are calling for a ban on the import of wolves, a ban on breeding, and compulsory neutering of all existing hybrids."

BEFORE the Dangerous Animals Act the relative ease of buying a wolf led to such problems as the "Devil-Face" incident of 1961, when a Canadian timber wolf of that name which had been bought from London Zoo, escaped to terrorise Clapham. It died while being recaptured. In 1974, a wolf called Walter escaped from the set of *Legend of the Werewolf* at Pinewood studios. It, too, caused widespread panic, and was hunted down by police marksmen.

Consider, then, before turning little Towser out into the garden when the moon is full, that he may yet feel the pulsing of his forefathers' blood in his veins, and heed the ancestral voices that are calling him.

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■ Our decision to relocate is mutual, and no reflection on our beloved house

Not surprisingly, Monday's news that Richard Gere and Cindy Crawford had put their Bel Air house on the market for $7 million immediately precipitated a huge postbag here at *The Times*. Our switchboards have been jammed. Our fax machines have melted. Whey-faced mobs have thronged our forecourt, plucking the sleeve of every hack that passes. Where, these poor souls clamour pitifully to know, is the full-page advertisement in this newspaper through which the radiant couple have been wont to communicate the innermost workings of their hearts? If it is indeed true that they and their beloved premises are parting company, why has the caring world not heard the reasons from their own very lips? Has something perhaps gone terribly wrong with the house?

In consequence, I took it upon myself today to e-mail them; and I am pleased to tell you that my screen has just received this reply:

A PERSONAL STATEMENT

For some reason unknown to us, there has been an enormous amount of speculation in Europe lately concerning the state of our property. We both feel quite foolish responding to such nonsense, but since it seems to have reached some sort of critical mass, here's our statement to correct the falsehoods and rumours in the hope it will alleviate the concerns of our friends and fans.

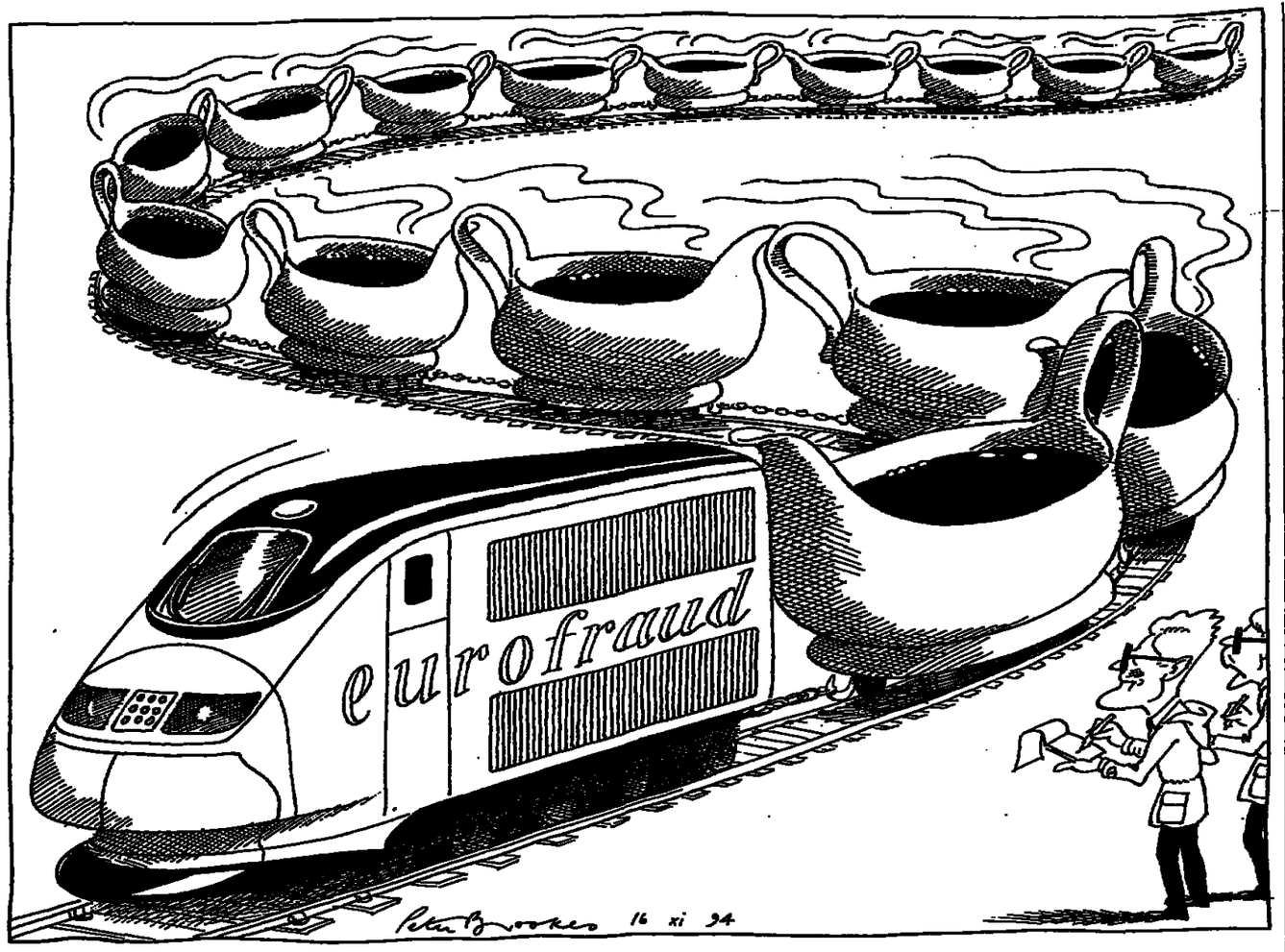
There is absolutely nothing wrong with our house. We made a legal commitment to our house because we fell deeply in love with it, and that love is as strong as ever. It is a warm and wonderful house, built on firm foundations, with a wealth of exclusive features finished to the highest standard, and enjoying a broad sunny aspect over mature landscaped gardens, secluded yet within easy driving distance of shops, schools and lawyers.

There is absolutely nothing wrong with the pool, either. It is a warm and wonderful pool with this terrific gizmo in the filter which prevents unsightly wrinkling, also a wealth of underwater lights and a diving-board developed by techniques tested out on Apollo XII, plus we are throwing in eight poolside loungers with Lagerfeld cushions and a big parasol that closes automatically during barbecues for safety reasons. The barbecue itself is so great it is also a major conversation piece, and has been host to innumerable celebrity auctions at which we have raised much-needed funds for such "difficult" causes as Aids research, Tibetan independence, gay and lesbian rights, ecology, disarmament, cultural and tribal survival, democracy movements, non-violence and lo-cost shagpile for the differently-homed.

Contrary to ugly rumour, our tennis-court is totally intact. Girt with rare conifers from more than one country of origin, its playing surface is utterly free of weed and crack, thanks to a unique formula created originally for the Great Pyramid of Cheops, and enjoys weekly caring visits from its own aromatherapist. It also has unique underfloor heating, ensuring that it remains warm and wonderful, even in winter.

Inside the house, prospective purchasers will be entranced by a host of sumptuous decor firsts bespeaking a taste which we have been assured is the envy of crowned heads everywhere, and, contrary to uninformed speculation, there is no noise to speak of from any of the plumbing. Huge windows enjoying burglarproof electrified mullions based on designs suggested by Anne Hathaway's cottage afford breathtaking views of the fully detached garage block, which can be instantly floodlit from each of the nine bedrooms, their ensuite bathrooms, and, of course, the diving-board. Reports of dry rot are totally false: the creak on the impressively balustraded den staircase has been diagnosed as the ghost of Mary Pickford, and is responding well to counselling.

We hope that, having allayed your fears, we may now be entitled to the privacy which is every human being's right. Selling a house is hard enough without all this negative speculation. Thoughts and words are very powerful, so please be responsible, truthful and kind.



Strasbourg is for grown-ups

MEPs should have the power now, says **Denis MacShane**

For every politician or lobbyist, *The Times Guide to Parliament* is indispensable. Had it been published in the 18th century, the works of Sir Lewis Namier would have been redundant. But now, despite the robust editorial attitude of *The Times* toward all matters European, a sister volume marks the coming of age of the European Parliament.

Produced to the same high standard, *The Times Guide to the European Parliament* (HarperCollins, £25) lifts the veil on an institution destined to play an increasing role in all our lives. Though treated as a joke because of its peripatetic existence between Strasbourg, Luxembourg and Brussels, and the Babel of its many tongues, the European Parliament is gradually asserting itself.

There is a long way to go. It was the Court of Auditors, not MEPs, who exposed the latest scandal of waste and fraud by Brussels technocrats. As supervisors of Euro spending, MEPs have yet to prove themselves. To anti-Europeans, Brussels and Strasbourg are twin corroders of national statehoods, and both should be abolished. Yet if decisions of any sort are to be taken at a pan-European level, democratic political control is needed, and those who would dig a grave for the European Parliament may yet see their shovels rust.

Europe is awash with parliaments. There are 17 in Germany, while in France many analysts think that membership of the influential regional councils — the one enduring reform of the socialist era — is worth more than anonymity of the National Assembly in Paris. The parliaments set up for Catalonia and the Basque country in Spain have helped to consolidate post-Franco democracy and kept Spain united by trimming the powers of Madrid.

Europe is becoming more like the United States, where state assemblies are increasingly the focus of political life, with the governance of a state remaining as important as the government of the nation. Here in Britain, Labour has cottoned on to the importance of reconnecting people to their elected representatives, with its proposals for parliaments or national assemblies in Scotland and Wales. With a meagre 650 full-time deputies, the British people are the least represented in the modern world, all the more so as the functions that used to be carried out by local councils are transferred to quangos stuffed with political placemen and their wives.

Now we have a further 81 elected representatives, the British MEPs, to speak for us. They are a diverse bunch. They are more ideological than their Westminster equivalents. More than half the Labour MEPs have signed a call to defend Clause Four, which Labour members of the Commons are by and large happy to see revised. And if Tory MEPs are thin on the ground, right-wing sharpshooters like Graham Mather are urging yet more deregulation of the British labour market.

While Labour and Conservative MPs, their European parliamentary colleagues remain more distinct. Yet a recent study by Matthew Dodd of the European Policy Institute, *Who Are the MEPs?*, shows that they are, if anything, more representative of the public than MPs and of the new market-orientated politics that have developed since the 1980s. Compared to the 1989 European Parliament, the present one has more MEPs from the business, financial and legal sectors, and fewer lecturers, journalists and trade unionists. Fifteen per cent of MEPs are lawyers, and only 7 per cent are trade union officials. This confirms, argues Dodd, the gradual retreat of trade unionists from elected office in European public life.

European politics is becoming a political career in its own right. A quarter of MEPs were elected before 1989, and almost a tenth have been MEPs for more than a decade. In the past, ambitious and able Labour politicians like Richard Caborn, Joyce Quinn and Geoff Hoon served a spell at Strasbourg as an apprenticeship for Westminster. Now Labour has changed the rules to prevent such parliament-switching.

John Major is right to be suspicious of the European Parliament. The contingent of Labour MEPs there are among its smoothest operators. Unlike some big names from other countries who go to Strasbourg while waiting to be recalled to national glory, British MEPs are full-time Euro politicians. Pauline Green is Leader of the Socialist Group, the biggest block in the European Parliament. She chairs nine crucial committees, including key ones dealing with the budget and preparation for the 1996 Inter-Governmental Conference.

The disadvantage that Labour MEPs suffer from is that few, if any, speak other European languages fluently, and while English is slowly displacing French to become the principal tongue in Europe, the discussions in corridors and restaurants that really settle business exclude the monolingual Brits.

There is some comfort for Mr Major and other Conservatives hostile to the European Parliament. Assuming Tony Blair wins the next general election, and given the usual mid-term protest swing, the results of the 1999 European Parliament election could bring in some 70 Tory MEPs. A Conservative leader of the Opposition — Michael Portillo perhaps? — could find himself using his MEPs as a blocking group in Strasbourg to thwart or scorn socialist legislation in London.

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America's flash in the pan

The new hard-right Republicans want to cut welfare and get tough on crime. This has been tried before, and failed

Simon Jenkins

Bill Clinton should be able to win the next American presidential election. His Republican enemies have counter-attacked two years too soon. They control Congress and most state governorships. They have to put flesh on their crazier policies and have just long enough in which to fail. Mr Clinton is shrewd enough to see that opportunity.

Mapping the hairpin bends of American democracy is usually a fool's game, and it has never been more so than this past week. The electorate has allegedly veered to the right and sneered at the entire Clinton programme, which it saluted just two years ago. This is thus a revolution, a catastrophe, an about-turn, a watershed. In British parliamentary terms, Mr Clinton has lost not just his majority but his deposit. He must preside over his country as Leader of the Opposition. Even the sober *Economist* declared that America "with a furious shudder has shifted convulsively to the right". Across the globe, the welfare state is seen as on its last legs. "What is being restored is the pre-New Deal tradition of American politics," said George Will, interpreter of the entrails of American politics to de Tocqueville's howling mob.

I have rarely come across interpretation so ostensibly detached from common sense. Last week, Bill Clinton's Democrats actually held onto their 43 per cent 1992 poll share. What happened was that the 19 per cent who voted for Ross Perot and cheated George Bush of the election went back to the Republican party fold. This was hardly a psephological revolution. In addition, at least 10 out of the 51 Republican House gains appear to have been the result of racial gerrymandering designed to give blacks more chance of electing black (Democrat) congressmen. In a Wall Street Journal/NBC poll, only 19 per cent said they saw the election result as a vote against Clinton. Most said it was just a comment on a tired old Democratic Congress. The election was hardly an anti-government, anti-leftist or anti-welfare vote. The old Reagan Republicans simply polled their full strength and perhaps a little more — not surprising in a mid-term election.

That did not stop last week looking like an eerie reprise of Britain in 1979. "Thatcherites" — the new Republicans happily acknowledge the debt — are in power in Congress after what they see as half a century of bipartisan socialism. The new House leader is a Ken Livingstone of the Right, a garrulous, iconoclastic Southern history professor, Newt Gingrich. He has pledged the Congress to a "Contract with America", to dismantle the Roosevelt/Johnson welfare state in 100 days.

His Senate colleague, the dour and sarcastic Bob Dole, wants to backtrack on Gatt, get "even tougher" on crime, and subsidise farmers. Phil Gramm, fiscal conservative and Republican presidential candidate, seeks a constitutional amendment banning budget deficits. For good measure he hates Mr Dole, his potential rival for the presidential nomination. Jesse Helms, the new foreign affairs committee chairman, wants to get out of Haiti and the United Nations, into Bosnia and Cuba, and calls foreign aid a "rat's hole". These men are seriously right-wing, more Monday Club than Thatcherite Tory. They want to execute a killer a day.

The transformation in the political climate after just two years of Mr Clinton is stunning. *Newsweek* listed Washington's supposed new ins and outs. In are prisons, the Bible, beef, midnight curfews, electric chairs, state orphanages for teenage mothers, and AK-47s. Out are abortions, gays, ethnic minorities, the underclass, sex and jogging. In Texas, the outgoing Democrat governor's new drug rehabilitation centres are being swiftly redesigned as high-security prisons. The gun lobby is cock-a-hoop; so are the anti-abortion lobby, the oil industry lobby and every form of protectionism. This is the politics of the mean streak. It makes Ronald Reagan seem benign.

Britons who recall the heady days of 1979 will smile with nostalgia to see that discredited trooper, the Laffer Curve — long the intellectual prop of right-wing politicians — staggering back on stage. The curve suggests that lower taxes do not mean higher deficits. The Republicans intend to cut taxes on middle-class family incomes and on capital gains. When asked how this will help their other obsession, balancing the federal budget, they blandly reply that tax cuts raise revenue by promoting income growth. Nobody takes such theories seriously, but those long out of power grasp at any straw they think might make two plus two equal five. Laffer was how President Reagan ran up the biggest peacetime deficit in American history.

Mr Gingrich may be naïve, but he is determined. At the weekend he declared his chief enemy to be not Democrats but "traditional Republicans". Jack Kemp, a Bush cabinet member whom this cap might fit, pleaded that "small government and big prisons" hardly constitute a political programme. What about America's most obvious problem, the cities? Mr Gingrich's urban policy is to stamp out the "counterculture value system" which "ruins the poor", and build more prisons. He says welfare benefits should no longer go to the able-bodied. They should only be for the old, the sick and the temporarily deprived. A single mother would lose benefit if she had a second child, and those under 18 would have to surrender their children to state orphanages or get no cash.

Since the newcomers have pledged not to cut pensions or defence, they are faced with doing terrible things to "middle-class welfare", such as means-tested healthcare, student loans, the arts, education and farm subsidies. Some of these would have to come down by as much as a third, or be dumped onto state and local taxpayers. Even in America the welfare state is emerging as a middle-class issue. Most people nowadays know a relative or a child who is benefiting from it. The Republicans may have killed the Clintons' national health reform, but they touch medical aid to the poor and elderly at their peril. Their secret aim of devolving the welfare burden onto state taxes will not fool the voters any more than it will delight Republican governors. Nobody who has examined the figures has them adding up to a balanced, or even deficit-reduced, budget. They make Labour's commitments look a paragon of fiscal respectability.

Any visitor from Britain has seen most of this before. I imagine it will all prove a flash in the pan. The American electorate loves to give its politicians a kick in the pants from time to time. But such kicks take a long time to reach the political brain, and get scrambled on the way. Certainly white male voters are fed up with seeing their taxes handed out to poor blacks to spend on drugs. They want welfare spending capped somehow. Yet a fear of black urban unrest keeps those taxes flowing. American inner cities are like French colonies: worth any amount of subsidy to keep the lid on the simmering pot.

Likewise, voters despair of the billions passing from taxpayers to the American medical industry. But no politician will dare to put at risk the safety-net those billions provide. Republicans know that defence spending must be cut, but are weary of the defence lobbies. And they still hate the Russians.

It is the old story: the right-wing lunch is really the same as the left-wing one, and is never free. The new Gingrich Republicans will find in the Nineties what Britain's Tories found in the Eighties. Voters dislike their money being spent on other people, but feel rather comfortable about other people's money being spent on them. They will vote one way one year and the opposite the next. This is not a sign of derangement, nor a cataclysm, nor a revolution. It is just politics.

Margaret Thatcher said ten years ago what Mr Gingrich and Mr Dole are saying now. But what she actually did was spend more on the welfare state than had ever been spent before. Whenever she tried to cut — and she never tried very hard — middle-class voters and their representatives turned traitor to the cause. That is why she left office with spending rising, borrowing rising and a public sector as big as when she arrived. Already I note a phrase being used by some Republicans worried by the Congressional mean-streakers: "Caring Republicanism". It must be ominous to Washington's new men. Caring means costly.

"The biggest thing since Lenin," Mr Gingrich was quoted as saying of his victory. Pull the other one. Mr Clinton should be able to see off these clowns.

Buy in, sell out

AS JOHN MAJOR shakes out his kitchen cabinet, I hear of a *frisson* in the ranks over filling another top post — that of Director of Communications. Tim Collins, famously a *Dr Who* fan, is departing, though he remains on the list of potential MPs. But the hierarchy is split over whether to replace him with another seasoned aide or to "buy in" a media figure.

Deputy party chairman John Maples, charged with trawling for suitable candidates, says: "The party intends to make the appointment before Christmas." With Howard James as the PM's new political adviser at No 10, Patrick Rock emerges as runaway favourite for Central Office. Rock, 34, who has fought two seats unsuccessfully, is one of the party's most experienced political advisers, having worked for Chris Patten and Michael Howard.

Yet there are murmurings in some quarters that the Tories need the equivalent of Alastair Campbell, Tony Blair's new propagandist and a former Westminster journalist. Names mentioned include the deputy editor of the *Daily Express*, blonde-haired Paul Potts, and Nick Robinson of BBC TV's *Panorama*. "We need someone who can 'sell' Major and the party to the voters at the next election," declares one insider.

Grotesque

WHEN the Queen opens Parliament today, accompanied by the Prince of Wales, there'll be a change to the ancient Palace since she last drew up. One of the gargoyles which used to grace the roof is currently being cared for by Her Majesty's Constabulary.

The stone effigy is being retained for possible use in evidence if the case of Regina *v* the five protesters who recently occupied the Commons roof ever goes to court.



Gulp galore

LORD PATRICK Douglas-Hamilton has no intention of letting his ten-year driving ban for drinking hold him back. At the Caledonian Club on Monday night he celebrated the launch of *Scotland: The Land and the Whisky*, for which he took the photographs.

"Islay was probably my favourite trip. I ended up staying there about a week," confesses Patrick, brother of Scottish Office minister Lord James Douglas-Hamilton. "It's always a temptation to stay in with a bottle." Ireland may be next. "Or Russia," he mused. "The land and the vodka . . ."

Figure of fund

THE TORY coffers may lose Jeffrey Archer to charity. Rumours that in the aftermath of the Anglia share-dealing rumpus, his lordship was quitting the rubber-chicken circuit are exaggerated. Instead, his fundraising energies may be diverted into good causes.

For Archer, who recently played to a packed house in David Mellor's Putney constituency, is in even greater demand as a charity auctioneer. "He has just passed the £1 million mark for cash donations for the Tory party this year," says a confidant, "but he's raised £1.2 million for charity." The party's loss?

Snap happy

A FOOTNOTE to Princess Margaret's visit to Sidney Sussex, Cambridge. After her weekend luncheon, hosted by the splendid new Master, Gabriel Horne, and his wife Priscilla — and attended by Lord St John of Fawsley, Master of Emmanuel — Her Royal Highness was so taken by the college's 19th-century façade, designed by Sir Jeffry Wyatville, that she wanted to photograph it.

Unable to take a satisfactory shot from the narrow street, she entered Sainsbury's emporium, whereupon the staff escorted her to the canteen on the upper floor — the ideal location, it appears. The picture is to have pride of place, I am told, in her collection.



And finally: man and clock

● *Trevor McDonald was sluicing back the champagne yesterday at the launch of Moet et Chandon's first advertising campaign in 251 years. "I always take friends to the Oval Test, and we get through a fair amount of champagne. I hope the Elysian Fields have something comparable," he mused, raising his glass. "But I doubt it."*

Last again

THOSE who fondly recall the waterskiing squirrel or the world cow-pat throwing championships can now revisit these chortle-inducing moments from "And finally . . ." — those dippy items at the close of ITN's *News at Ten*. A video has been made by Castle Vision, with stories from the past three decades, such as the learner's car which ended up in a swimming pool and the man body-painted as Big Ben.

Judy Lustigman, head of ITN's press office, admits to her own favourite: "The guardsman who left a vital part of his uniform unzipped on parade at Buckingham Palace . . ."

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CORRUPT TO THE CORE

The Brussels culture generates waste and fraud

The uproar over the latest annual report on fraud and waste in the European Union has far more to do with its timing than with the drama of its content. Its tales of wine lakes and payments for nonexistent training programmes make disgraceful and familiar reading. The tone from the European Court of Auditors is, if anything, mild. Last July's report by the House of Lords select committee on the European Communities was tougher, more detailed — and more radical in its proposed solutions. As the auditors themselves stress, most of their criticisms have been brought up annually since 1983 — for the good reason that despite the European Commission's "repeated assurances of remedial action", almost nothing has been done.

This year's report, however, puts particular pressure on the Government to respond to the Lords' complaint that the evidence of EC fraud has met with "a worrying absence of indignation" in national capitals. For its publication coincides almost precisely with today's Queen's Speech, which will announce legislation to implement the increased payments to Brussels agreed at the Edinburgh summit in 1992. Douglas Hurd yesterday expressed his satisfaction that the Court of Auditors was playing a "searchlight" on mismanagement of the European budget; but its exposures will hardly help the Government to contain the reviving rebellion on its back benches.

The latest findings make nonsense of the Commission's claim that fraud amounts to "only" £600 million a year: many other estimates add a nought. The auditors refuse to name an exact figure, however. All they can be sure of is that most of it goes undetected, and that when detected by member states, it is frequently not reported to Brussels or to the auditors in Luxembourg. But it exists "everywhere" — and that is the key point to be grasped. As the House of Lords concluded, fraud "on a monumental and growing scale" reaches "into every sphere of Community activity".

The common agricultural policy furnishes the most visible examples. It is a fraudster's dream, as are market-rigging systems everywhere. Step-by-step reforms will neither put farming on a sound basis or clean the midden of financial abuses, as an expert report for the Commission's economic and financial affairs directorate emphasised last month. A new framework which leaves all farm subsidies up to national governments, not Brussels, is imperative. William Waldegrave's new think-tank on the CAP should take the experts' report as its starting point. But the regional and structural funds are fast rivalling the CAP for waste and fraud upon the taxpayer.

The Commission has, in theory, an "action plan" to improve its financial management. It has yet to come up with actual plans of action. Brussels itself is the problem. The growth in the Commission's influence is based on subsidy and the redistribution of wealth. The European Parliament belongs to the same culture. When the Commission set out in 1988 to double the "structural funds" for poorer regions of the Community, it was attacked by the Parliament because it could not find enough genuine projects. The following year, the Commission obligingly made certain every penny was spent. If value for money is ever to be assured, the Court of Auditors needs the assistance of an independent task force. It should examine the manner in which both the Commission and EU governments discharge their financial responsibilities. It should insist on real rather than cosmetic systems of accountability. The gravy train must be deprived of its engine. Everything short of that is mere tinkering.

INSIDE THE WORKSHOP

Nolan must acknowledge changes in the political world

The Prime Minister's stern warning to MPs on Monday that the House of Commons should not become a "hiring fair" was a necessary gesture after weeks of speculation and anxiety about moral standards in public life. The Nolan committee, he promised, would act as an "ethical workshop called in to do running repairs" — a welcome indication that its brief will not be confined to drawing up fixed ethical principles. In setting up this workshop, however, John Major should consider the nature of the materials with which its repairmen will be working.

The nature of institutions such as Parliament is often defined in terms of political, legal, and ethical principle. But analysis of people's origins, their ambitions and their affiliations is equally important. The history of Parliament cannot be understood without reference to the evolution of representative democracy, legislative technique and public service ethics. But the way in which politicians' motivations and patterns of behaviour have changed over the centuries cannot be neglected either. Those seeking to regulate political life in Britain must ask what sort of people they are dealing with.

Such issues have long been of interest to historians. Lewis Namier's brilliant analysis of parliamentarians' interests in the 18th century has been emulated by many scholars — notably Conrad Russell who has carried out similar work on the motivation of MPs before the Civil War. Less has been written by contemporary commentators. A notable exception is *The Times*'s political commentator, Peter Riddell, whose recent book on political careers, *Honest Opportunism*, should be required reading for the members of the Nolan committee.

Riddell identifies a "new governing class" bearing little relation to the "frock-coated top-hatted men of substance" whom Leo Amery recalled as the archetypal MPs of the turn of the century. Today's parliamentarians treat politics as a career rather than an adventure or a pursuit. Most become MPs before they are 40; many will have fought several elections before securing a seat; those who are dislodged will generally seek to return to the House. Nearly a third of those who entered Parliament in 1992 were already working full-time in politics. For this breed of politician, a parliamentary seat is the most important rung of a well-defined career ladder, stretching from parliamentary researcher or special adviser to junior ministerial office and beyond.

As a consequence, Max Weber's distinction between those who live for politics and those who live off it has become increasingly blurred. It has yet to be demonstrated that today's politicians are less honourable or believe in less than their forebears a century ago. What has changed is the professional environment in which they work.

First, the expansion of government, the increasing volume of legislation and growth of constituency work mean that few can pursue demanding careers outside Parliament. Second, the scope for lucrative consultancies has increased as most MPs have focused their lives upon the affairs of the House. Last year, more than 60 per cent of Tory MPs eligible to do so held outside consultancies; more than half of all Tory backbenchers are company directors.

If the House of Commons has become a "hiring fair", therefore, it is probably because of changes in the structure of political life rather than a wholesale decline in public morality. Lord Nolan may indeed conclude that these changes have made it necessary to draw up a brand new ethical code for serving politicians. But he should realise that he is addressing forces far stronger and more complex than the avarice of a small minority.

PICK A LOSER

The National Lottery Charities Board, for a start

In just three days' time, the first winner of the National Lottery will become a multi-millionaire. But it could be another year before any charities learn whether they have won money from the board disbursing lottery funds. In an astonishing display of administrative incompetence, it has become clear that the National Lotteries Charities Board may not be in a position to distribute its allocation of around £100 million until next autumn, even though it will receive its first cheque in a week's time.

The board has no chief executive: advertisements for the job were placed only three weeks ago and the successful candidate may not be in place until next March. It has no permanent office, and its telephone number is not available from directory inquiries. While applications for money from other lottery good causes, such as sport, are all set to pile in to the relevant bodies, the charities board is not inviting applications until next May.

The blame for this shambles should not be placed entirely at the feet of David Sieff, the board's chairman. He was appointed only in May of this year. The fault lies as much with the Home Office, which knew that such a post would need filling for well over a year before the final appointment was made. The Department of National Heritage (DNH), which has responsibility for the lottery itself, is not pleased with the dilatory behaviour of its colleagues in Queen Anne's Gate. Such poor performance is not unknown in organisations, public or private, in which one department is expected to do legwork for another's pet project. Here the Home Office was given responsibility for the charities board because charities are its province, even though the lottery itself, and the other good causes, are all in DNH territory. It is perhaps not surprising that the Home Office has been less than dynamic in setting up the charities board when all the reflected glory of the lottery will descend upon DNH.

It is, however, a great shame. The National Lottery was supposed to be undiluted good news for the nation. Already the charities are carping because some of the publicity for the lottery is emphasising the money that will go to good causes. That, they fear, will reduce direct giving to charity if punters feel that their consciences have been salved by buying a lottery ticket. The charities point out that, while only 5 per cent of every £1 spent on a ticket goes to them, the figure for a direct donation is 100 per cent.

This worry may be overplayed. People buy lottery tickets for the thrill of gambling: if they wanted to give money to good causes, they would do so directly. But if the charities are feeling aggrieved already, the Home Office and the Charities Board have given them extra ammunition. For such bureaucratic ineptitude, there is no good excuse.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Links between trade deals and aid for Third World

From Mr Simon Maxwell and others

Sir, What an admirable decision by the High Court that the Foreign Secretary acted unlawfully in approving £234 million in aid for the Pergau dam in Malaysia (report, November 11).

The success of the action proves, despite all appearances to the contrary, that there is still some life left in our civil institutions. The High Court itself, the World Development Movement, which brought the action, and the civil servants at ODA who blew the whistle on Pergau have together shown that ministers cannot expect to get away with the arbitrary and politically-motivated exercise of power. They have been more successful in this, it seems, than Parliament.

However, we must now watch the aid programme like hawks. The Government has said it will meet its commitments to Malaysia. The question is, from what source?

In your leading article today you refer to Douglas Hurd's comment that the aid budget is not immune to the "well-publicised constraints on public spending". Given the UK's already deplorable record on aid volume (13th out of 21 in the list of Development Assistance Committee donors by share of GNP given as aid), a failure to increase aid in the forthcoming Budget would be cause for serious alarm. It would be unacceptable if the aid budget were to be cut to offset the costs of meeting the Pergau project from elsewhere within the public expenditure total.

We must also ensure that when the money already spent on Pergau is returned to the aid budget, it is used to meet the ODA's primary mandate of reducing poverty. ODA's own figures show that only 5 per cent of current aid is used for direct poverty reduction projects, and the United Nations Development Programme has shown that less than 7 per cent of British aid is spent on human priorities within the social sector.

The £55 million which you report as having been spent on Pergau by the ODA is equivalent to 5 per cent of Britain's bilateral aid in 1994-95 — enough to make a significant difference to the programme. It is almost exactly equivalent to the amount that is expected to be cut from aid to Africa between now and 1996-97.

The High Court judgment provides an opportunity for the Government to reaffirm its commitment to a poverty-oriented programme which is free of political and commercial considerations. We call on the minister to make that commitment, to confirm that the aid programme will be maintained or increased in real terms, and to propose ways in which the Pergau "dividend" will be used to make a real difference to the world's poor.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON MAXWELL,
JUDITH RANDEL,
MARIA ELENA HURTADO,
Independent Group on British Aid,
c/o Development Initiatives,
Old Westbrook Farm,
Evercreech, Somerset.
November 11.

From Professor Adrian Hastings

Sir, Mr Hurd must resign. There is no honourable alternative. It is hard to see on what public grounds any minister of the Crown could ever be expected to resign if, in the light of the Court of Appeal's judgment, he does not.

In cases of this sort there are three possible ways in which failure to resign might be defended. The first, the relative insignificance of the matter; the second, absence of any personal responsibility — on the grounds that the matter had been left in the hands of civil servants; the third, defensible unawareness of the implications and dimensions of a decision.

None is applicable in this case. In terms of the sums involved, relations with a major foreign power and the principles of Government probity, the matter at stake is hugely important. It was a personal and, presumably, pondered decision of Mr Hurd.

In terms of awareness of the dimensions of the decision, he had been fully warned by the Permanent Secretary of the ODA that it was "an abuse of the aid programme". If, in such circumstances, he did not himself raise the issue of its legality, that can only the more compound his incompetence.

For a Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs not to resign in such circumstances is to betray a government's most basic responsibility: the upholding of legality.

Yours,
ADRIAN HASTINGS,
University of Leeds,
Department of Theology and Religious Studies,
Leeds LS2 9JT.
November 11.

From Professor R. G. L. von Zugbach

Sir, The Pergau affair highlights the need for a reappraisal of the way in which the Government spends taxpayers' money on overseas aid.

Britain has to be seen to put money into the Third World begging bowl. Most of this is a write-off to good international public relations. In the Pergau case, however, the result has been a 400 per cent payback in terms of defence contracts. A further multi-million-pound gain has accrued to the British construction industries involved in the project. The taxpayer has been more than well served.

Future aid donations should be judged by this high standard of concern for British interest.

Your obedient servant,
REGINALD von ZUGBACH,
University of Paisley,
Department of Economics and Management,
High Street, Paisley PA1 2BE.

From Mr Peter McGregor

Sir, There is no evidence whatsoever to support claims that the Pergau project in its final form was uneconomic. Statements to that effect by Sir Timothy Lankester, then Permanent Secretary of the ODA, compared it with a gas turbine station. But the gas turbine station was to be a base-load station, and Pergau is a peak-load station.

Electricity cannot be stored, but water can, and water power stations can be brought into operation very quickly. Electricity demand varies during the day and there are peaks (simultaneous maximum demand) which if not met will shut the system down. Only a full system study, such as the Malaysians carried out on a regular basis, can tell one whether peak capacity will be useful — not facile price comparisons.

After our own failure to cope with peak demand in the UK and because we have few water resources, we actually constructed four large and expensive dams — Blaenau Ffestiniog, Cruachan, Foyers and Dinorwic — so that we could pump the water up to the dam at off-peak times and have it available at the peak.

The Government has nothing for which to apologise.

Yours faithfully,
PETER McGREGOR,
Dacre Cottage,
Longworth, Oxfordshire.

From Brigadier Robin Rhoderick-Jones

Sir, How does Indonesia, which is apparently prepared to pay £6 billion for arms (report, November 14), qualify for an overseas aid loan of £65 million from us, or anyone else, to build a power station?

Yours incredulously,
ROBIN RHODERICK-JONES,
Middle St Andrew's Wood,
Dulford, Cullompton, Devon.
November 14.

Paying a price for first oil bonanza

From Mr Mike Carter

Sir, Janet Bush ("Britain continues to pay price of first oil bonanza", November 8) is only half right when she asserts that "the taxpayer has gained nothing from the oil boom".

According to the Institute for Fiscal Studies three-quarters of the money from tax cuts since 1985 have gone to the richest 10 per cent of the population (report, August 31). Even in her own article on February 9 Ms Bush graphically details how Tory tax policy has made the rich richer and the poor poorer. The fact is that the rich taxpayer has made profound gains from the oil revenues of the past decade whilst the poor have been allowed to juggle with coppers.

Are these not the same rich who steered us through the recession whilst jacking up their salaries with king-size awards when profits dipped? Are these not the same people who protect themselves with three-year rolling contracts and outrageous golden goodbyes, even when their companies are on their knees?

Are not these the very same people who are now saying the recession is over and the "feel-good factor" has just not got through yet? How would they know? They would not know what a recession was like even if it smacked them in the face.

Britain is certainly paying a price for the last oil bonanza but the burden is being carried on the wrong shoulders.

Yours sincerely,
M. CARTER,
Bradmar, Westhoughton Road,
Adlington, Chorley, Lancashire.
November 9.

Church closures

From the Bishop of Southwell

Sir, In her article, "Praying for empty pews" (November 9), Christine Webb stated that the Church of England has closed 1,340 churches since 1969. This is true, but it is important to put this figure into context.

Until the Pastoral Measure came into effect in 1969, there was no effective instrument for closing churches which had become redundant. As a result, a large backlog had built up, particularly in rural areas, which was gradually cleared during the 1970s.

In recent years, the number of churches closed has rapidly declined. Between 1991 and 1993, for example, 74 churches were closed and 45 new ones opened. Since 1991, a new congregation has been set up every fortnight.

Yours faithfully,
†PATRICK SOUTHWELL,
Bishop's Manor,
Southwell, Nottinghamshire.

Faith with the fallen

From Mr Jeremy P. Gee

Sir, Mr Jock Kane's letter (November 10) refers to acts of misbehaviour and damage at Phaleron War Cemetery, whilst Mr Robert Armitage (letter, November 12) kindly pays credit to the general standard of maintenance.

It is quite true that there have been some recent unfortunate episodes. However, following these incidents, the ambassadors of the Commission's member governments made representations to the Greek authorities, and we trust that measures will now be taken by the police to discourage such acts of disrespect and vandalism.

That said, the recent incidents are not typical and Phaleron War Cemetery and the other 18 Commonwealth war cemeteries in Greece are normally treated with proper respect by those who live in their vicinity.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY GEE
(Director of Secretariat),
Commonwealth War Graves Commission,
2 Marlow Road,
Maidenhead, Berkshire.

Road congestion

From Mr Chris Dale

Sir, Mr David MacKenzie (letter, November 8) lists a number of steps needed to reduce traffic congestion. They include, in this order, restrictions on city-centre parking, restrictions on suburban side-street parking, and the development of "extensive, high-quality, affordable, integrated public transport".

The problem in many areas, and certainly here in Oxford, is that the local authority adopts exactly that order of priorities — it is frightfully keen on parking restrictions, but apparently blind to the incentive offered by a good bus service.

The result is a choice between two evils: to sit warm and dry in one's car listening to the radio whilst waiting for one of the few remaining parking spaces, or to stand wet and cold waiting for a bus. Is it surprising that our city centres are dying?

Yours faithfully,
C. J. DALE,
Highbury, 67 Godstow Road,
Wolvercote, Oxford.
November 8.

From Mr William Eddis

Sir, David MacKenzie suggests ways of reducing road traffic. I have lived in Japan, where many of his proposals apply. On-street parking is banned, even in most residential areas, with the few car parks inconvenient and expensive.

Company cars exist only for directors with chauffeurs. Compulsory annual maintenance costs for not-very-old vehicles are well over £1,000. The rural road network is underdeveloped, and minor roads in towns and cities only suitable for access.

The result? Public transport is so overcrowded that a packed London commuter train is half empty by comparison, with good-quality high-speed rail services only where the competition is the airlines. Leisure facilities are largely restricted to those accessible by train, thus inevitably overpriced and overcrowded.

In spite of all this, road congestion is far worse than here, with delays of several hours common. And car ownership is still growing as fast as anywhere.

Japan has many attractions for me, and has much of which to be proud. But its transport system holds few lessons for us.

Yours faithfully,
WILLIAM EDDIS
(Consultant on Anglo-Japanese business),
56 Garendon Green,
Loughborough, Leicestershire.

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Town twinnings

From Lord Newall

Sir, Mr D. J. Luke (letter, November 11) wonders if town twinning creates sleaze by encouraging dignitaries to entertain one another at public expense.

I don't doubt that this happens from time to time, but I would suggest that the vast majority of town twinning is of enormous value to the people of those towns.

The Council of Europe (now 32 countries) has a sub-committee of which I am chairman, specifically to award four different levels of prizes to towns which work hard at exchanging all manner of people. These can be sports teams, firefighters, police, choirs, orchestras and, most importantly, school children, leading to deep friendships and, sometimes, marriage. Such exchanges often lead to business ventures.

We in Europe, with our different customs and habits, need to get to know one another, the better to understand our differences. Town twinning is surely the way for Europe to get together and overcome misunderstandings, rather than by forcing stupid rules on some of us.

Yours etc,
NEWALL,
Wooton Underwood,
Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire.

From Mr J. C. S. Mackie

Sir, Mr Luke seems to me to be labouring under a misapprehension.

I know that many towns in this country have twinning arrangements with continental partners, and I understand that in most if not all cases the expenses are borne by members of the twinning associations in the respective towns.

I have been a member of the Haslemere and District Twinning Association since its inception in 1985. Apart from some small initial expenses, there has been no charge to council funds.

I have participated in five "outward" twinning visits, including one as town mayor and one with the British Legion. For all of these I have paid my own expenses, including town gifts where appropriate. My wife and I have been pleased to give hospitality to incoming visitors on eight occasions. Twinning visitors are always accommodated by host members of the association.

I believe that most twinning associations operate on similar lines. The benefits to the community from the educational, cultural and sporting activities are very real.

Yours faithfully,
J. C. S. MACKIE,
Weald Mount, Hill Road,
Haslemere, Surrey.
November 11.

Argentine visit

From Mr Patrick J. Watts

Sir, I disagree with today's article in *The Times*, headed "Royal visit to Argentina revives fears in Falklands", which says: "Many islanders view the closer ties with dismay." Islanders have always accepted that political, economic, cultural, social and sporting links between Britain and Argentina must resume, following the hostilities of 1982. I have checked on my radio station with a considerable number of the population and I can find no "dismay" at the Duke of York's visit to Argentina.

Yours sincerely,
PATRICK J. WATTS,
13 Brisbane Road,
Stanley, Falkland Islands.
November 14.

Out of commission?

From Mrs Myrtle Ternstrom

Sir, May I ask what the members of the Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 (Appointment, Court page, November 14) do?

Yours faithfully,
MYRTLE TERNSTROM,
Sandy Lane Road,
Cheltenham, Gloucestershire.
November 14.

Housing reform

From Mr Jason MacGilp

Sir, It is disappointing to see the tired old myths about "queue jumping" being dragged out yet again to justify criticism of homeless people (letter from Mr Julian Brazier, MP, November 11).

The majority of people who are accepted as homeless are on council waiting lists already. In the main, homeless families are those whose circumstances have become so urgent and so severe that they have run out of places in which to wait.

The issue should not be about blaming the victim or arguing about different queuing systems, but about developing a housing policy which ensures all people in need have access to decent-quality, affordable homes.

The crisis of under-investment in Britain is nowhere more stark than in housing. The housing profession, plus 10,000 other organisations and individuals who opposed the Government's homelessness review proposals earlier this year, look forward to a Queen's Speech which addresses the real housing problems of this country.

Yours faithfully,
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(Principal policy officer),
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Octavia House,
Westwood Business Park,
Coventry, West Midlands.

Grand Prix outcome

From Mr S. J. Johnson

Sir, Mr and Mrs Cleasby write (letter, November 15) of the "hollow victory" of "Herr" Schumacher. I was rooting for Damon Hill in the last race, but I feel that a win for him would have been a hollow one, given the record of Schumacher and the reverses suffered by his team over the present season.

The Benetton team have generally out-performed the Williams team and deserve full credit: the best team won. Well done Michael, hard luck Damon — oh, and welcome back Nigel.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. JOHNSON,
Wilton House,
Mirfield, West Yorkshire.

Clean bill of health

From Dr S. D. Dover

Sir, You report today that most of the banknotes in circulation in Los Angeles are contaminated with drugs, so that possession of contaminated notes cannot be used as evidence of drug dealing. I always believed that most drug dealers laundered their money.

Yours faithfully,
S. D. DOVER,
17 Heath Hurst Road, NW3.
November 15.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 15: The Queen held an Investiture at Buckingham Palace this morning.

The President of the Republic of Fiji and Adi Lady Lala Mara visited Her Majesty this afternoon.

By Command of The Queen, the Lord Lucas of Crudwell (Lord in Waiting) called upon The President of the Republic of Kenya at the London Hilton Hotel, Park Lane, London W1, this morning and, on behalf of Her Majesty, welcomed His Excellency on his Arrival in this Country.

By Command of The Queen, the Lord Lucas of Crudwell (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London, this morning upon the Departure of Princess Alexandra, the Hon. Lady Ogilvy and the Hon. Sir Angus Ogilvy for Denmark and bade farewell to Her Royal Highness and Sir Angus Ogilvy on behalf of Her Majesty.

The Hon. Mary Morrison has succeeded the Lady Elton as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 15: The Prince Edward, Chairman, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening held a meeting at Buckingham Palace.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 15: The Princess Royal, Commandant in Chief, St. John Ambulance and Nursing Cadets, this morning attended a briefing on Youth Arms Developments, 1 Grosvenor Crescent, London SW1.

Her Royal Highness, President, Riding for the Disabled Association, this afternoon visited the Royal Mews Group on the occasion of their Twenty Fifth Anniversary at Knightsbridge Barracks, London SW1.

The Princess Royal, Patron, British School of Osteopathy, later attended the Graduands Awards Ceremony at St. Martin-in-the-Fields Church, St. Martin's Place, London WC2, followed by a Reception at 1-4 Suffolk Street, London SW1.

Her Royal Highness, President, REDR — Registered Engineers for Disaster Relief — subsequently attended the Annual General Meeting at the Institution of Civil Engineers, 1-7 Great George Street, London SW1.

The Princess Royal, Commandant in Chief, Women's Transport Service (F.A.N.Y.), this evening visited the Casualty Bureau Exercise at Bishopsgate Police Station, London EC2. Mrs. Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE
November 15: Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother today honoured the Colonels of her Regiments with her presence at luncheon at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

Mrs. Michael Gordon-Lennox and Sir Alastair Aird were in attendance.

ST. JAMES'S PALACE
November 15: The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this morning opened the Royal Navy Cookery and Seamanship Schools at HMS Raleigh, Torpoint, Cornwall.

His Royal Highness, Duke of Cornwall, this afternoon visited Duchy properties in Cornwall. Major Patrick Tabor was in attendance.

The Prince of Wales, Duke of Cornwall, this evening attended the Cornish Club Dinner at Port Eliot to mark the retirement of the Viscount Falmouth as Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Cornwall. Mr. John James was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 15: The Princess of Wales, Patron, Turning Point, this morning visited the State Hospital, Carstairs, Lanark. Mr. Patrick Jephson was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 15: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Honorary President, The British Museum Development Trust, was present this evening at an Entertainment and Dinner to launch the 250th Anniversary Development Programme at the British Museum, London, WC1. The Countess Alexander of Tunis and Major The Lord Napier and Ettrick were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 15: Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Anglian Regiment, today received Lieutenant Colonel Murray Colville on relinquishing the appointment of Commanding Officer of the 7th Battalion and Lieutenant Colonel Jeremy Prescott on assuming the appointment.

The Duke of Gloucester was present this evening at a Concert in aid of the Chernobyl Foundation at St John's, Smith Square, London SW1. Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

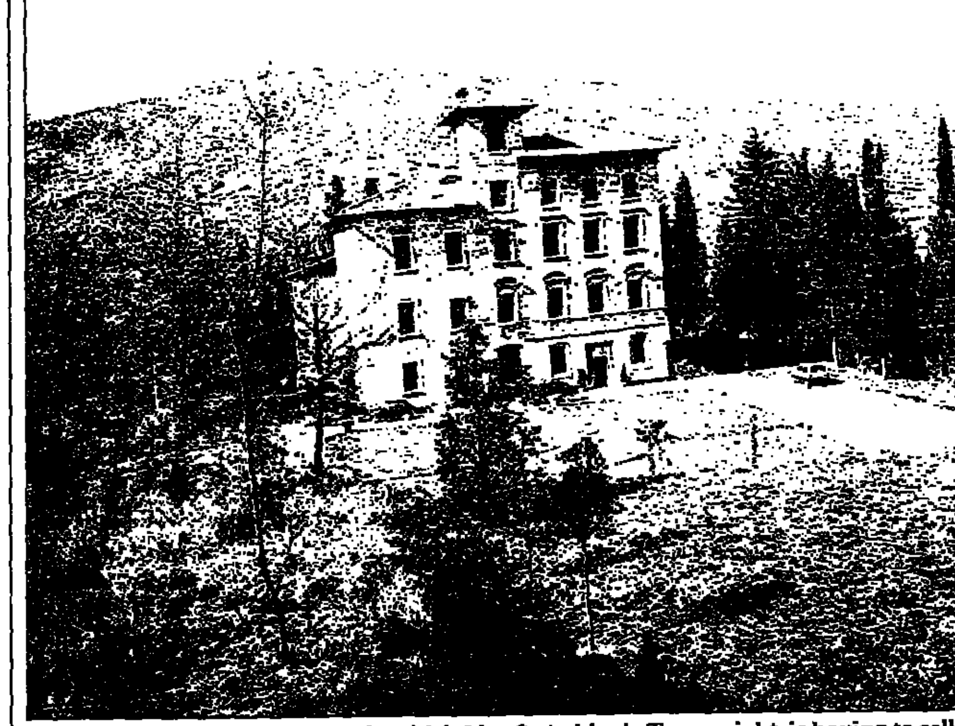
The Duchess of Gloucester today visited Dorset and was received on arrival by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Dorset (the Lord Digby).

Her Royal Highness opened the Gryphon School, Sherborne, and later visited Stour View Family Centre, Sturminster Newton. Afterwards The Duchess of Gloucester visited Sherborne Police Station, Dorset. Mrs Euan McCorquodale was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST. JAMES'S PALACE
November 15: The Duchess of Kent, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Dragoon Guards, this afternoon arrived at RAF Northolt from Paderborn, Germany.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
November 15: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon. Sir Angus Ogilvy and attended by the Lady Nicholas Gordon Lennox, this morning left Heathrow Airport, London to undertake official engagements in Denmark.

On arrival at the Airport, Her Royal Highness was received by His Excellency the Ambassador of Denmark (Mr Rudolph Thorning-Petersen), Sir Roger Hervey (Special Representative of the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) and Mr Ian Baker (Special Facilities Officer, Heathrow Airport Limited).



GUGLIELMO GALVANO



The palazzo near Perugia in Italy which Lisa St Aubin de Teran, right, is having to sell

Palazzo inspired 'restoration' novel

THE novelist Lisa St Aubin de Teran is selling her Umbrian palazzo, the restoration of which is the subject of her latest book (Rachel Kelly writes).

Because of the novel, *A Valley In Italy*, Villa Quarata, near Perugia, has been compared to Peter Mayle's house in Provence. The book tells how Ms de Teran and her third husband, the artist Robbie Duff-Scott, restored the 34-roomed palazzo.

Now she is selling the house for £800,000 through the agents Brian A. French because of debts incurred trying to sell her previous home, a baronial-style shooting lodge in Scotland.

"I'm an optimist and I was hoping that it wouldn't be necessary to have to sell," Ms de Teran said. "We were managing quite well but a court case in Scotland has gone against me."

Ms de Teran declined to say how much she paid for the palazzo, but the sum was sufficently low for her to be able to make out a Eurocheque for the 20 per cent deposit, as she describes in the book. Since she moved to the house 5½ years ago, she and her husband have restored all but six of the 34 rooms.

The house has seven bathrooms, four kitchens, a decaying ballroom, white marble staircase and a hall the size of most semis. The accommodation has been arranged as a main house and three self-contained apartments.

Dinner

Cortecs International
Dr Michael Flynn, President of Cortecs International, presided at the Annual General Meeting held yesterday at the Institute of Directors and outlined the achievements of the company in 1994 and its prospects for 1995.

Mrs Virginia Bottomley, Secretary of State for Health, was the guest speaker at a dinner held afterwards. Other guests included Lord Colwyn and Mr Glen Travers, Chairman.

Service dinner

The King's Royal Hussars
The Regimental Dinner of The King's Royal Hussars was held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Major General J.P.W. Friedberger, Colonel of the Regiment, presided.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen will open Parliament at 11.30. Princess Margaret, the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester, and the Duke and Duchess of Kent will also be present.

The Prince of Wales will open the Civil Air Terminal, Newquay Airport, Cornwall, at 3.05; as President of The Prince's Youth Business Trust, will visit Camborne Enterprise Centre at 4.15; as President of The Prince's Trust, will meet those involved with the Volunteers Programme at Cornwall College, Camborne, at 5.10; and, as Duke of Cornwall, will attend the launch of In Pursuit of Excellence at the college at 5.45.

Prince Edward, President of the National Youth Music Theatre, will attend a dinner at St James's Palace at 7.30.

The Princess Royal, as President of the Patrons, Crime Concern, will attend a Prudential Youth Action seminar at Holborn Bars, EC1, at 12.30; as Chancellor of London University, will visit the university library at 2.45; as Patron of the British Executive Service Overseas, will attend a relaunch of the corporate membership scheme at Buckingham Palace at 6.00.

As President of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, she will attend a dinner at the Prudential Headquarters, Holborn Bars, at 7.30.

The Duke of Kent will open the Superhighway conference, held by European Informatics Market and the Federation of Electronic Industries, at Westminster Central Hall at 8.40am; will visit the Campden Food and Drink Research Association, Chipping Campden, at 2.30; and will attend a concert given by the French Ambassador at at 7.45.

Birthdays today

Mr Peter Ainsworth, MP, 38; Mr Frank Bruno, boxer, 33; Mr Willie Carson, jockey, 52; Lord Fairhaven, 58; Mrs Zina Garrison-Jackson, tennis player, 31; Viscount Goschen, 29.

Sir Colin Marshall, chairman, British Airways, 61; Professor W.G Overend, former master, Birkbeck College, 73; Mr Griff Rhys Jones, actor, writer and producer, 41; Sir Giles Shaw, MP, 63; Mr John G. Stenhouse, former chairman, Stenhouse Holdings, 86; Canon H.J. Stuart, former chaplain-in-chief, RAF, 68.

Sir Edward Tomkins, diplomat, 79; Mr David Wilson-Johnson, baritone, 44; Professor Sir Magdi Yacoub, cardiothoracic surgeon, 59; Professor Michael Zander, professor of law, 62.

Forthcoming marriages

M.A. Catterall and Miss H.F. Stevenson
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs Peter Catterall, of Cumnor, Oxfordshire, and Henrietta, younger daughter of Commander and Mrs Ronald Stevenson, of Green Hammerton, Yorkshire.

Captain D.O. Fairlie of Myres and Mrs J.E. Bingham-Newland
The engagement is announced between David, widower of Ann, of Auchtermuchty, Fife, and Jane, widow of Richard Bingham-Newland, of East Clandon, Surrey.

Mr N.J.A. Fellowes and Miss H.C. Williams
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Robert Fellowes, of Newmarket, Suffolk, and Henrietta, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Williams, of London, SW6.

Dr E.J. Hockings and Miss V. Valentini
The engagement is announced between John, elder son of Mr and Mrs E.T. Hockings, of Brisbane, Australia, and Victoria, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs Giorgio Valentini, of Rome, Italy.

Mr R. Vowles and Miss S. Dorey
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of the late Mr Charles Vowles and of Mrs Iris Vowles, of Trewin, Hertfordshire, and Suzanne, daughter of Sir Graham and Lady Dorey, of La Hougue es Pies, Vale, Guernsey.

Mr R. Ward and Miss H.C. Davies
The engagement is announced between Richard, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Ward, of Rochdale, Lancashire, and Helen, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Davies, of Chorleywood, Hertfordshire.

Receptions

High Sheriff of Greater London
The High Sheriff of Greater London and Mrs Antony Butterwick gave a Reception for the Judiciary of Greater London at Fishmongers' Hall yesterday evening. Amongst those present were: The Earl and Countess Cairns, Lord Irvine of Lairg, QC, and Lady Irvine, Lord Wigoder, QC, and Lady Wigoder, Lord and Lady Nolan, Lord and Lady Lloyd of Berwick, Lord and Lady Slynn of Hadley, Lord and Lady Strathcona and Mount Royal, Lord and Lady Burnham, Anne Lady Burnham, Lady Remnant, Lord Justice Neill and Lady Neill, Lord Justice McCowan, Lord Justice Glidewell and Lady Glidewell, Lord Justice Farquharson and Lady Farquharson, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lady Balcombe, Lord Justice Kennedy and Lady Kennedy, Lord Justice Henry and Lady Henry, Mr Justice Popplewell and Lady Popplewell, Mr Justice Otton and Lady Otton, Mr Justice Blofield and Lady Blofield, Mr Justice Alliott and Lady Alliott, Mr Justice Brooke and Lady Brooke, Mr Justice Ferris and Lady Ferris, Mr Justice Mummery and Lady Mummery, the Common Serjeant of the City of London, His Honour Judge Neil Denison, the Attorney General, Sir Nicholas Lyell, QC, MP, the Solicitor General, Sir Derek Spencer, QC, MP, the Hon Sir William and Lady McAlpine, Sir Godfrey and Lady Taylor, Sir Cyril and Lady Taylor, Sir Kerry and Lady St Johnston.

Africa-European Community Association
Mr Harvey Warmann, Chairman of the Africa-European Community Association, received the guests at a reception held last night at 154 Buckingham Palace Road to mark the private view of paintings by the Nigerian artist, Mr Kunle Adegborioye.

Eve of Session

Prime Minister
The Prime Minister was the host at a reception held last night at 10 Downing Street on the eve of the Opening of Parliament.

Carlton Club and United and Cecil Club
The Prime Minister was the principal guest at a reception held last night at the Carlton Club on the eve of the Opening of Parliament. Lord Wakeham, Chairman of the Carlton Club, and Sir Marcus Fox, MP, Chairman of the United and Cecil Club, were the hosts.

Luncheon

HM Government
Mr Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Defence, was the host yesterday at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government at Admiralty House in honour of Colonel General Anatoly Ivanovich Kostenko, Minister for Defence of the Republic of Belarus.

Dinner

HM Government
Mr Roger Freeman, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, was the host yesterday at a dinner given by Her Majesty's Government at Admiralty House in honour of Herr Jörg Schönbohm, State Secretary at the German Federal Ministry of Defence, and M Henri Conze, the French Délégué Général pour L'Armement.

Memorial service

Mr Michael Woodbine Parish
A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Michael Woodbine Parish was held yesterday at Holy Trinity, Brompton. The Rev Nicholas Gumbel officiated.

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BEALES - On 26th October, to Maria (née Owen) and Warwick, a daughter, Annabel Louise.

BICKET - On November 10th, to Marianne and Simon, a son, Hal.

CHALMERS - On November 11th, to Clare (née Abernethy) and Rex, a son, Frederick Alexander John, a brother for Constance Amy.

FAULKS - On November 11th at the Wellington Hospital, to Catherine (née Turner) and Edward, a son, Archie, a brother for Leo.

FIRTH - On November 13th 1994, to Fiona and Mark, a son, Oliver, a brother for Hugo.

GROOTENHUIS - On November 15th in Singapore, to Sarah and Hugh, a daughter, Thea Stephanie, a sister for Josh.

HALLAM - On November 15th at Chippenham Hospital, to Vanessa (née Harvey) and Roger, a son, Alexander William Harvey, a brother for Anya.

HARMAN - On 12th November, to Amanda (née Lockett) and Neill, a daughter, Jessica Sarah.

HESLOP - On November 12th, to Gillian (née Kemp) and Nicholas, a daughter, Katherine, a sister for Robert.

JONES - On November 11th, to Andrew and Annie (née Braithwaite), a daughter, Eloise Helen, a sister for Abigail Caroline.

PALMER - On 1st November, to Nicola (née White) and James, a son, Henry Alexander James (Harry), a brother for Charlie.

SAUNDERS - On 13th November at Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong, to Claire (née Seddon) and John, a daughter, Amelia, a sister for William.

SIMPSON - On 13th October, to Philippe and Heather, a daughter, Isabelle Marie Ruth.

TORRANCE - On November 11th, to Lucinda (née Besly) and Tony, a daughter, Lara Frances Watt, a sister for Amy.

WALKLING - On November 12th at Queen Charlotte's Hospital, to Deirdre (née Moore) and Kim, a daughter, Katherine Sophie Olivia, a sister for Christopher.

DEATHS

ADYE - On 11th November 1994 peacefully, Patricia Rosamund aged 82, much loved Aunt and Great-Aunt to the Bindloss family. Funeral will be held at St Peter ad Vincula, Coggeshall, on Monday 21st November at 2.30 pm. Flowers to A. Birkin & Son, Market End, Coggeshall, CO6 1NH.

BARTON - On 13th November, after a short illness, Pat Barton, dearly loved mother of Sally, Jean and Paul. Funeral at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, on Friday 18th November at 10 am. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to Epsom Medical Equipment Fund c/o W.A. Truelove & Son Ltd., 118 Carshalton Road, Sutton, Sy. SM1 4RL.

BURT - Barbara Mary (Maria) on 12th November 1994, aged 85. Service of Thanksgiving at St Martin's, Shipton Gorge, at noon on Monday 28th November. No flowers but donations for the Hospice, Joseph Weld House c/o A.J. Wakely & Sons, 91 East Street, Bridport, Dorset.

CAMERON-WEBB - (née Dain), on 14th November 1994, peacefully at the Cromwell Hospital. Beryl, deeply loved mother of Gavin, Mark, Sheryl, Simon, Meryl and foster mother of Malcolm. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium at 4.30pm on Friday 18th November 1994. Family flowers only. Donations to Cancer Research.

DOW - Catherine, aged 74, wife of John Dickson of Chipstead, Surrey and mother of Kenneth, Helen and Carol. Died at home November 13th 1994. Cremation on Thursday 17th November at Randalls Park Crematorium, Leatherhead, at 3.30 pm. Flowers to Alfred and Ewart Longhurst Funeral Directors, 21-23 Kingston Road, Ewell, Surrey by 1 pm 17th November.

EMERY - Stanley. Loving husband of Doris. Has died at his home, Mengham Court, Hayling Island, Saturday November 12th, very peacefully. Funeral on Friday November 18th 2 pm Porchester Crematorium.

FANE - On Thursday November 10th 1994, Pauline Margaret, aged 88. Much loved mother of Angela and Peter and grandmother of James, Victoria, Vere and Maximilian. Funeral private. Donations to Osteoporosis Society, PO Box 10, Radstock Road, Bath, BA3 3YB.

FILMER - Bruce John died 13th November 1994. Cremation at Golders Green Crematorium Monday 21st November at 3.30 pm. Enquiries to Levertons (081) 444-5753.

FLOREY - Peacefully on November 14th 1994, at Cassington, Oxfordshire, Margaret, in her 90th year. The much loved wife of the late Lord Florey O.M. Funeral Service at Old Marston Church, Oxford, on Monday November 28th at 11 am, followed by cremation. Family flowers only, donations if desired to St Nicholas Church, Old Marston, may be sent to The Vicarage, Marston, Oxford OX3 0PR. Enquiries to Reeves & Pain, 288 Abingdon Road, Oxford, telephone: (01865) 242529.

FOSTER - Brigadier R.H.A., on November 10th in King Edward VII Hospital, London, beloved husband of Di. Funeral 12 noon Tuesday November 22nd at Aldershot Crematorium. Family flowers only please.

FRENCH - On 14th November 1994 at his home George aged 67 years, husband of Elizabeth, father of Frances, Matthew & John, grandfather of Mark & Hannah and good friend to Andrew, Emma & Rachel McCowat Taylor. The funeral service will take place at St Michael's Church, Orchard Portman, Taunton on Monday 21st November at 2.45 pm followed by cremation. No flowers by request, donations if desired for either St Michael's Church Fabric Fund or St Margaret's Somerset Hospice may be sent to E. White & Son Ltd., Funeral Directors, 138/139, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3HN.

FYSON - On 12th November 1994, peacefully in hospital, Marjory Eleanor Fyson MBE, SK., aged 84 years, who founded and ran Sunrise School for the Blind, Lahore. Funeral at St Dubricius Church, Porlock, at noon on Saturday 19th November. Family flowers only. Donations may be given to Bula Masih Trust Fund c/o J & E Hayes F/D, Porlock, Somerset, TA24 8NE.

HERRING - On November 11th 1994, Matthew Ernest Edward suddenly at The London Chest Hospital after a short illness. Much loved father and grandfather. Funeral Service at Southend-on-Sea Crematorium Friday November 18th at 12 noon. Flowers, if desired, may be sent to Woodhams, Freeman & F.E. Whur Ltd., 368 London Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex. tel: 0702-342377.

HOLME - On 14th November 1994, aged 79 years, Hannah Joan Elizabeth, beloved wife of the late Nevill and aunt of John and Rosemary. Passed peacefully away in hospital, after a long illness bravely borne. Funeral Service at St James the Greater Church, London Road, Leicester, on Saturday 26th November at 11 am, followed by cremation. Family flowers only c/o A.C. James & Son, Funeral Directors, 30 St Stephens Road, Leicester, but donations if desired to Leicester Family Service Unit, 26 Severn Street, Leicester.

JOHNS - On November 12th John Maldwyn of Thurlaston, Rugby. Husband of Molly and father of Patty and Eileen. Funeral at Oakley Wood Crematorium on Monday 21st November at 12 noon. No flowers but donations, if wished, to the Alzheimer's Disease Society, Gordon House, 10 Greencoat Place, London SW1P 1PH.

KIRBYSHIRE - Suddenly and peacefully on November 14th 1994, Joyce Mary, much loved and loving wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Bures, on Wednesday November 23rd at 1 pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to: R.N.L.I. c/o Brown Fenn & Parker, 57 North Street, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 6RD.

LIDDELL - On November 12th 1994, peacefully at Mount Pleasant Hospital, Chepstow, Gwent. Brandy (née Lilian Margaret Newbrand), beloved wife of Malcolm Oswald and dearest mother of Kathy and Neil, much loved grandmother of Kier, Thalia and Duncan. Funeral Service at St Thomas a Beckett Church, Shirenewton, on Monday November 21st at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations, if desired, to The British Red Cross c/o J. James F/D, 27 Larkfield Avenue, Chepstow, Gwent NP6 5BH tel: (0291) 622371.

MACKENZIE - Peacefully on Saturday 12th November at Sutton Veny House Nursing Home. Lieutenant Colonel A.A.D.F. (Mac) Mackenzie of MOD Oman and formerly of the Royal Regiment of Artillery and Indian Army. Funeral at St Peter's Church, Stourton, on Friday 18th November at 1100 hours. Wreathes and flowers to Messrs Bracher Bros. Ltd. of Gillingham, Dorset. A Memorial Service will be held in Oman on a date to be announced.

MALTBY - The Reverend Canon Keith Mason, on November 14th 1994, peacefully at home, aged 74 years. Beloved husband of Dorothy, father of Rosalind and a dearly loved grandfather. Funeral Service at St Eata's Church, Atcham, Shrewsbury, on Wednesday November 23rd at 2 pm, followed by cremation. Family flowers only please. Donations, if desired, to The Nightingale Nursing Fund. Enquiries please to the Funeral Directors, W.R.R. Pugh & Son. tel: (0743) 344646.

MAWSON - Dr. Richard of Chipperfield Road, Kings Langley, passed away at the Gossoms End Elderly Care Unit, Berkhamsted, on 12th November 1994, aged 80 years. Funeral Service and cremation will take place at West Herts. Crematorium on Friday 18th November at 1pm. There will be family flowers only but donations to Harefield Hospital, if desired. Further enquiries to J. Worley (Funeral Directors) Ltd., 48 Lawn Lane, Hemel Hempstead. tel: (01442) 253466.

METHOLD - On 14th November Elizabeth Dorothea, beloved sister of Diana. Cremation at Putney Vale on Tuesday 22nd November at 12 noon. No flowers or letters at her request. Enquiries to 071-652 8311.

MORTON - On 13th November, peacefully, Montague Cecil, aged 94, of Rottingdean, beloved husband of Eveline. No flowers but donations can be sent to The Cinema and Television Veterans or The Cinema and Trade Benevolent Fund. Further details are available from E. Carter & Son, tel: (0273) 303467.

NIXON - Herbert Geoffrey, peacefully at Sir Michael Sobell House, Oxford, on November 5th 1994. Cremation at Oxford on Tuesday November 22nd 1994 at 12.45 pm.

SPICER - Ruth, widow of Capt. O.E.C. Spicer and mother of the late Iris Spicer. No service. No flowers. Donations to the Blue Cross, Victoria, London.

TATE - Alfred Eric (John) died peacefully on November 15th. Dear husband of Patricia, father of Rosemary, George, John and Lucy and loving grandfather. Family funeral.

TAYLOR - Patty, widow of Dr. Richard Porter Taylor (formerly of the U.S. Embassy, London) and mother of Bing, Jeremy and Ann, on November 13th peacefully in Kennebunk, Maine. Donations to Patricia M. Taylor Scholarship Fund c/o Perkins School for the Blind, Watertown, MA 02172, USA.

THOMPSON - On 11th November, Stuart Gladstone, aged 86, much loved father, brother and grandfather, peacefully in a nursing home. Funeral Service at Fishbourne Parish Church at 3 pm Friday 18th November. Flowers to Holland & Son, Chichester 782966.

WAKEFIELD - On November 13th, Winifred Madeline, peacefully in her 102nd year. The funeral service will be held at the Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Thursday November 17th at 11 am.

WILKINSON - Douglas Anderson, died peacefully at Frimley Park Hospital, on November 13th, aged 71. Went to join his beloved Joanie. Service at Aldershot Crematorium on Thursday 17th November 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to British Legion.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

GLASS - A Memorial Service will be held for Sarah at St George's Church, Hanover Square, London W1, on Friday 25th November at 3pm. All Sarah's friends are most welcome. Donations to the Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund on the day. Please give generously.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

FAVA - Alberto, died 16/11/93. Constantly in our thoughts, with love from his wife and family.

STEVENS - Constance Joan, November 16th 1980. Remembering with deep affection our darling Connie, beloved wife, mother and nanny. Sadly missed by Bill, Joan, David and the family.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

BEVINGTON - James Geoffrey. A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Geoffrey Bevington will be held in St Mary Magdalen Church, Bermondsey, at 12 noon on Friday 2nd December 1994. This Service is to enable those Liverymen of the Leathersellers' Company and those in the leather trade in particular who were unable to attend the family service in Wrotham on 9th November, to give thanks for his life.

DEAN - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Harold Dean will be held at Quainton Church, Buckinghamshire, on Saturday December 10th at 2 pm.

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FOLLOWS - Frank Arthur Follows. Known as Arthur Follows (deceased 12 January 1970). We are trying to locate the daughter of the above in connection with the Estate. Please contact T P Johnston on (0332) 360808.

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OBITUARIES

HUMPHRY BERKELEY

Humphry Berkeley, Conservative MP for Lancaster, 1959-66, died yesterday from a heart attack aged 68. He was born on February 21, 1926.

ALTHOUGH he was a member of the House of Commons for fewer than seven years, Humphry Berkeley could claim to have had a much greater impact on political life than many MPs who linger at Westminster far longer. He played a leading part in the abolition of the death penalty, seconding the Bill that led to the suspension of hanging in 1965, pioneered homosexual law reform in the Commons, though his own Private Member's Bill fell with the calling of the 1966 general election, and finally made a lasting mark on the Conservative Party with his "Berkeley memorandum" which led directly to the change in the system under which a Tory leader used to "emerge" instead of being directly elected by the parliamentary party.

It is this last achievement which will ensure his place in the political history books. Appalled by the way in which "the customary processes of consultation" had, as he believed, robbed R. A. Butler of his rightful inheritance in October 1963, Berkeley mounted an immediate campaign to discredit the old "magic circle" method of leadership selection. A great phrase-maker, he publicly likened the way in which Sir Alec Douglas-Home had come to the prime ministership to "the enstoolment of a tribal chieftain" and worked indefatigably to ensure that nothing of the same sort could ever happen again.

With great generosity, the new Tory Prime Minister asked Berkeley to outline his proposals for reform and then substantially adopted them in his own scheme for all future leaders to be chosen by a ballot of Conservative MPs. The new arrangement first came into effect with the election that brought Edward Heath to the leadership in July 1965 and has been used with minor modifications — notably over the provision for the annual nature of such elections — ever since. It was a wry, but characteristic, touch that by the time it was used for the second time Berkeley himself should already have become a member of the Labour Party.

He was, in fact, probably the only postwar politician to have fought elections for three separate parties. Effectively deselected by his constituency of Lancaster after his defeat there in March 1966, he went on to be Labour candidate for the Tory stronghold of North Fylde in October 1974 and for Southend East in the SDP interest in June 1987. But if there was little consistency about his later political conduct — he finally reverted to the Labour Party in 1988 — his approach to politics certainly did not lack integrity. Once he had lost his Commons seat in 1966, he was formally approached by the then Labour Chief Whip, John Silkin, about going to the Lords (he had already become chairman of the United Nations Association). All went well until it was made clear that the Wilson Government would expect him to sit as a Labour peer. Berkeley point-blank refused. The one thing that he was always determined to be was his own man.

Humphry John Berkeley was the son of Reginald Berkeley, playwright, Hollywood screenwriter and one-time Liberal MP for Central-Nottingham, and his wife Hildegarde who subsequently remarried. He was educated at the Dragon School, Oxford, and, after the death of his father, at Malvern



College. He was unhappy there, for he was unathletic and rebellious; by the time he left much of his self-confidence had been eroded. Cambridge, however, restored it. He read history at Pembroke (where Rab Butler's father, Sir Montagu Butler, was Master) and became chairman of the University Conservative Association and president of the Union.

After going down from Cambridge — where an elaborate practical joke played on some gullible public school headmasters led him to be rusticated by his college authorities — the young Berkeley himself started out as a schoolmaster. He taught for two terms at The Leys School, Cambridge, but was then invited by Lord Woolton to become the staff member in charge of universities at Conservative Central Office. In the 1951 election he stood unsuccessfully at Southall, being defeated by nearly 8,000 votes. But at Central Office his career prospered. He became political education officer for London and then director of the Conservative Political Centre, putting him in charge of political education throughout the country.

In 1956, with his eyes already firmly on the House of Commons, he gave up being a party servant to become director-general of the United Kingdom Committee of the European Movement. His reward came a year later when he was chosen as prospective Conservative candidate for Lancaster. At the October 1959 general election, at the age of 33, he was elected to the House of Commons with a comfortable majority of 5,528.

At first all seemed set fair. It was a period of his life when he was relatively prosperous — as a partner in a small merchant bank he drove a Rolls-Royce and lived in a smart Belgravia flat to which even the most senior Tory MPs would willingly repair for champagne receptions ("Aren't they," their host would inquire rather too loudly, "sweet old things?"). Probably it was all too good to last — and, although Berkeley certainly made an impact on the Commons, it was by no means always a favourable one on his own side of the House.

He was the perpetual rebel — strongly backing Iain Macleod over Africa but firmly opposing even Rab Butler on such matters as the Commonwealth Immigrants Bill and the Wedgwood Benn peerage affair. A staunch opponent of apartheid, he would readily join people like Barbara Castle and Fenner Brockway in street demonstrations and rallies against the South African government. Nor was he ever afraid of anyone. On one occasion, having been rebuked on the floor of the House by the then Attorney-General, Sir Reginald Manningham-Buller, he wrote the Government's chief law officer a note which concluded with the warning: "Should you consider the contents of this letter defamatory, may I strongly recommend that you seek *competent* legal advice before taking any action?"

It was not perhaps surprising that the Conservative hierarchy regarded his failure to hold his seat at Lancaster as one of the more sustainable blows of the 1966 general election. He did, however, retain the strong loyalty of Iain Macleod — for whom he had set up and funded a political office after the party went into Opposition in 1964. He was certainly fiercely opposed — he was abroad at the time — to Macleod's decision not to enter the 1965 leadership contest.

The tragedy was that, once out of the Commons, Berkeley was a man bereft. He loved publicity and this became much harder to get once the only label that could be attached to his name was that of "former MP for Lancaster". For a time he certainly hoped to get another seat but his two resignations from the Tory Party in the space of two years — he went back after the first one at the behest of Macleod — inevitably put paid to that.

He also appeared to develop a curious capacity for provoking rows. In the UNA he entered into a bitter power struggle with the organisation's director-general and, although he probably had right on his side, the episode ended with both of them being forced to resign. In addition, he got locked into a libel action brought by Jeffrey Archer (then a Conservative MP) which, although abandoned by the plaintiff at the courtroom door, became for a time almost an obsession.

The late 1960s and 1970s represented a period in which Berkeley's actions often seemed to be characterised by a striking lack of judgment. He became the leading London apologist for the Bantustan of Transkei — at least until he found himself bundled into the back of a car and almost murdered on the native turf of that "homeland". After an abortive enterprise to bring hotels and tourism to Mauritius, it came as a relief to his friends when in 1984 he accepted a fund-raising job with the Sharon Allen Leukaemia Trust, for which he worked tirelessly during the last ten years.

Berkeley was a prolific journalist — specialising in the latter part of his life in writing letters, with a splendid lack of discrimination, to a whole range of newspapers. But he was also an author of some distinction. His best book without question was *The Life and Death of Rochester Sneath* (1974) — the product of his contretemps with the authorities at Cambridge and in which, 25 years later, he revealed all the correspondence that had passed between himself — posing as the headmaster of a minor public school called Selhurst — and some of the most distinguished members of the Headmasters' Conference. It is a classic of its kind, easily outdoing in terms of hilarity anything later to be produced by Henry Root.

The rest of his books were more serious and less inspired — though his account of the career of Enoch Powell, *The Odyssey of Enoch* (1977), is a forthright critical study, as is his history of the formation of the National Government of 1931, *The Myth that will not Die* (1978). Less satisfactory was his one autobiographical work, *Crossing the Floor* (1972). That was, of course, something that he was never afforded the opportunity of doing — though Berkeley was not the sort of man to allow a small detail like that to spoil a good title.

A devout Roman Catholic, he never married.

J. I. M. STEWART

J. I. M. Stewart (Michael Innes), novelist and Reader in English Literature at Oxford University, 1969-73, died on November 12 aged 88. He was born on September 30, 1906.

AS Michael Innes — the author of urbane, intelligent thrillers which made a considerable impact when they started appearing in the 1930s — J. I. M. Stewart was also a novelist under his own name, as well as being an Oxford don and literary scholar.

In the last capacity, English studies are indebted to him for the volume *Eight Modern Writers* (1963) and his work on Shakespeare, Hardy and Conrad, undertaken during his 24 years as a Student of Christ Church, Oxford, from the late 1940s onwards. The works of J. I. M. Stewart the novelist also draw heavily on Oxford, as well on the techniques of Henry James. They always promised, if somehow never quite delivering, fiction of high distinction.

But it is as Michael Innes, creator of the detective Inspector Appleby, that Stewart must expect to be most widely remembered. His crime novels, especially the early ones, can stand comparison with any. From the appearance of *Death at the President's Lodging* (1936) he announced that he could raise crime fiction to the level where it can captivate those for whom it is not a natural interest.

Appleby, Innes's enduring and indefatigable sleuth protagonist, was named after a graduate student at Leeds University, where Stewart taught for several years. The real-life Appleby repaid the compliment when he started writing himself, calling his detective hero Inspector Innes.

John Innes Mackintosh Stewart was the son of John Stewart, a Director of Education for the city of Edinburgh. He grew up in a highly cultivated background and was educated at Edinburgh Academy and Oriel College, Oxford, where he took a first in English language and literature in 1928.

After graduating he spent some time in Vienna where he studied Freudian psychoanalysis. Returning to England he held a lectureship in English at Leeds University from 1930 to 1935. At Leeds he began writing detective fiction, although his first novel did not appear until later. He had, meanwhile, already opened his account as a scholar, producing an edition of John Florio's 1603 translation of Montaigne's *Essays*, in 1931.

In 1935 he accepted an invitation to become Jury Professor of English in the University of Adelaide, where he was to remain for the next ten years. But Australia did not suit his refined temperament, and he was not sorry when he was able to return.

Nevertheless the reception of his first novel in England was a great consolation to him. In a somewhat wordy exordium to its review, *The Times* defended its manifest approval of *Death at the President's Lodging* thus: "There is some disposition to deny that a book the plot of which is concerned with a crime and its investigation has a right to any very serious appreciation and concern. Those who are not so prejudiced will pronounce *Death at the President's Lodging* worthy of a place among the very best of recent novels."

The novel's immediate successors: *Hamlet, Revenge!* (1937), *Lament for a Maker* (1938), *Stop Press* (1939), *The Secret Vanguard* (1940) and *There Came Both Mist and Snow* (1940) confirmed this initial promise. When Stewart returned to Britain after the war to take up a lectureship at Queen's University, Belfast, in 1946, it was to find himself well established among crime writers — and with an unexpected reputation in America, where the readership of this type of fiction traditionally demands a higher casualty rate per 100 pages than Michael Innes provided.

In 1949 Stewart became a Student of Christ Church where he was to remain until 1973, for the last four years as University Reader. He had been commissioned to write a volume for *The Oxford History of English Literature* but, meanwhile, he published *Character and Motive in Shakespeare* (1949). When his volume of the *Oxford History*, the 12th, appeared in 1963 it had as its title *Eight Modern Writers*, the eight being Hardy, James, Shaw, Conrad, Kipling, Yeats, Joyce and Lawrence. This was well received for its insistence on literary criteria rather than biographical detail. It was followed by single-volume studies: *Rudyard Kipling* (1966), *Joseph Conrad* (1968) and *Thomas Hardy* (1971), which amplified the sketches already given of these authors in the *Oxford History*.

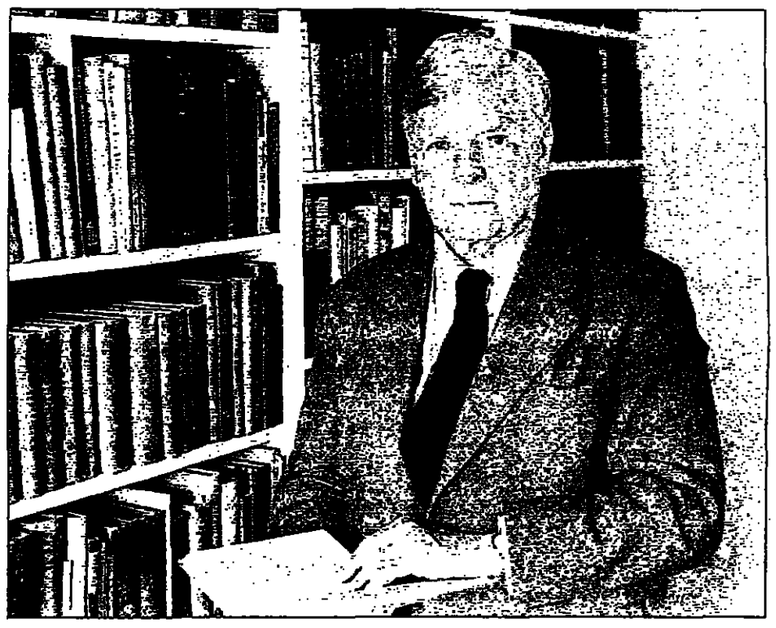
While at the same time lecturing and participating in college life, Stewart had begun to write "serious" novels in the 1950s. The first of these, *Mark Lambert's Supper*, took up a Jamesian theme (and a plot owing much to *The Aspern Papers*) and developed it in a series of sequels: *The Guardians* (1955), *An Acre of Grass* (1965) and *A Villa in France* (1983). Unfortunately the endeavour never really shook off the influence of its great inspirer, either in point of style or content, and remained a work to be appraised with interest rather than admired.

For a more formalised assault on the *roman fleuve* genre, the five novels which make up *A Staircase in Surrey* (1974-79), Stewart took as his model C. P. Snow, whose work *The Masters* he had read while on a visit to Cambridge. This was a pity. If James made a somewhat dangerous model, at least he was a first-rate one. The absence of a genuine creative spark in Snow made him a bad master — especially for a writer of such natural grace and refinement as Stewart. In the upshot, the Oxford of the quintet remains as insubstantial as Snow's Cambridge and his corridors of power.

Meanwhile the flow of detective novels continued unabated — indeed Stewart's creative output was enormous, when considered in the context of his commitment to teaching and scholarship. But in the later Appleby books a slackening of energy was perceptible. If the insight was acute as ever, Appleby tended to mellow into a somewhat conventional old age, expressed in an increasingly mannered prose.

Besides producing a further work of scholarship, *Shakespeare's Lofty Scene* (1971), Stewart did a number of radio programmes on literary topics, some with his old friend Rayner Heppenstal. These blended his considerable scholarship with the wit and inventiveness which characterised his best, his freshest fiction.

His wife Margaret died in 1979. He is survived by three sons and two daughters.



PERSONAL COLUMN

LADIES

ATTRACTIVE professional blonde 5'9" 34, likes to meet good looking, tall, caring, successful man with GSOH aged 40-50 for friendship, possibly more. Photo appreciated. London based. Reply Box No 1908

ASH SGV VGO enjoyed in Metro. Views and writing, early 40s, 5-6-and GSOH type 35-40 b/h in good time with great sense of humour to explore life's highways and, maybe, byways. Photo likely to Box No 2029

CHARMING professional lady 30 seeks caring gentleman for friendship/romance. Nth London. Photo? Reply to Box No 1909

COME West Bridge. Less than perfect lady, widow, widow seeking male to share quality time with. Photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 1894

COUNTRY-LOVING petite, blond lady 30yrs 5ft 6" slim attractive caring, with many interests, would love to meet kind, genuine, good looking gent 30-40yrs who is also fond of the countryside and likes fun times. Please write to Box No 1904

DOMINANT, successful, non-smoker, fun, likes, flexible and attractive (40s). Prefers to travel and meet someone. Please Reply to Box No 1939

ELEGANT owner of Aston at home to retired or retired male company, 60-70, of substantial age with, preferably, similar interests. Please Reply Box No 2017

EXCEPTIONAL, slim, attractive professional lady divorced, 54 b/h with GSOH, loves music, theatre, London & travel. EXCEPTIONAL, well-educated gentleman under 60 for fun, travel and long term relationship. Please write to Box No 2045

EXCEPTIONAL LADY, 43, wishes to be companion/P.A. to an exceptional gent. Box No 1988

GENTLY persuasive, attractive lady, 32, 5ft, likes to meet very wealthy gentleman who will be able to take a very comfortable life style for granted. Please Reply to Box No 1644

HAMPSHIRE blonde widow, 5'5" n/s very attractive, intelligent, fun to be with, needs company of a tall professional/business gentleman (55/65) who is fit/mod. caring, adaptable with good sense of humour and fun. Loves theatre, London, travel, theatre, walking, gardening, home life and good conversation. Will travel to meet right man. Reply to Box No 1991

HORSE COUNTIES/North Cotswolds/ Leics. I prefer looking for Mr Right - but I have the world to give to an honest, kind, sensitive, caring, N/S, professional gent, 35-45, romantic, quality humour and real heart, hoping to find you, with GSOH 5'8"+ enough to share days off, holidays, life but looks not essential person (+ her cat) to share with + cat for fun in 1995? Photo? Most of the above? Please reply with recent photo to Box No 1998

HYPOTHESIS: Does an attractive, witty, petite, professional lady, 30s, seek 35-40 early Alternative Submissive Asian female 30 somethings? Write, Submissive, Box No 1984, 1 Southwark Bridge, SE1 9HL. Please Reply to Box No 1980

I KNOW this cynic thinking, sceptic/classic blonde 30s, no time, work all consuming, prefers to be single, but I'm not. Photo to Box No 1928

IVY LEAGUE/OXBRIDGE? Elegant, sophisticated, attractive, intelligent, good looking lady, 30s, seeks male equal, 30-40, for friendship, possibly more. Photo appreciated. Please write to Box No 1704

I wanna meet her heart. If you're 40+, live in Dorset/Hants area, say hello to your Dining Chair Mates from Box No 1915

JAPANESE widow, young 60, feminine, attractive, well-educated, cultured, wealthy, 50+ gentleman with old fashioned values for serious relationship/marriage. Reply to Box No 1404

LEICS professional attractive slim green eyed n/s lonely 30-40 for mutual pastimes and more. Please Reply to Box No 2032

LONDON well-educated independent attractive slim blonde lady 5'9" GSOH wishes to meet kind, sincere, gent 40-70 who enjoys quiet sophisticated & country life style. Photo appreciated. Reply to Box No 2030

MAN FOR ALL SEASONS required by quality lady, 30s, slim, blonde (4/7) pref/fond, with eclectic interests, not working for hell, enjoys but more multiplying in industry & character, practical & adventurous, for outside & inside times. Please Reply to Box No 1992

M CHESHIRE based professional lady late 40s to the brave with less travel to share dining out, occasional walk in the hills & theatre. Reply to Box No 1942

ROMANTIC teenager in her 40's (London based). Seeks outgoing, sensitive, weekend-loving, unattached, n/s, well-read, to share pleasures like arts, eclectic food, travel, country weekends and the good things in life. Photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 1989

RUSSIAN lady very attractive highly educated young looking 30's, slim, fit, GSOH and loves to LIVE, GO places wont of London wants to meet looking educated gentleman man for serious relationship. Photo appreciated & much more please write. Reply to Box No 2028

SCOTLAND - old fashioned romantic, sensitive, lady graduate 40/5'6" seeks gentleman 40-50 for walking, talking, laughing, reading, music, theatre, cinema, travel & more. Photo appreciated. Reply to Box No 1704

SLIM attractive lady 40's own residence in Surrey, fond of children & pets, likes to be with nice things in life, would like to meet GSOH who is kind & caring, loving relationship. Have time will travel. Photo please. Reply to Box No 2044

SLIM stylish, sophisticated, flexible/artistic lady graduate GSOH appreciates good things in life - Art, travel, theatre, food, wine, books, fashion, people - seeks similar male to enjoy life. Are you interested? Letter & photo please to Box No 1985

SOUTHERN BELLE with sparkling eyes. South/S.E. Widow n/s young 50 vivacious vegan attractive educated independent but sensitive/wise loves people, theatre, walking, quiet nights, beautiful music and most of all natural Gods blessings seeks companion to share. Please age. Reply Box No 2000

SUCCESSFUL Cheshire lady financially secure slim attractive 40ish creative in various businesses in the leisure/entertainment industry is seeking an intellectual male 40ish, slightly polished, socially sporty and solvent (possibly in the same business) for winding down travel wining and dining etc. Possible romance. Recent photo please. Reply to Box No 1885

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TRAVEL gregarious vivacious tolerant blonde 35 seeks similar unattached prof man. London based. Photo plse Box 1883

VIRGO, never been but always wanted to meet virgo, right person - are you eligible, interesting, successful, with a GSOH/sense of the ridiculous and able to cope with a lively/attractive, independent, sexy, caring and experienced lady if so maybe we could arrange a romantic rendezvous either Bath/Cotswolds area. Photo please to Box No 2048

VIVACIOUS voluptuous graduate Hampshire 5'9" divorced positive extrovert seeks very romantic n/s gentleman 30-40 to share lunches in historic Classical music opera theatre dinners, gardening & more. GSOH essential. Photo please. Reply to Box No 2042

WARM, sensual, intelligent and successful 32 year old seeks a kind, sensitive, romantic to share her. Prefer someone who can cope with openness, vulnerability, being a bit eccentric, loves conversation and fun. Preferably loved NT corridor. Must be tall, 40 - 50. Please write with reply to Box No 1929

WHOO WHOO and looking for an elegant and well-dressed healthy attractive solvent no smokers n/s country lady 50+. Look no more, you have found her hiding under Box No 2010. In strictest confidence. Photo please.

GENTLEMEN

ABSTEMIOUS 52 male trim athletic non-smoker born 11/3/42. 1/11/47. 12/5/81. Box 1899

ABSOLUTELY fabulous! Well, tall and handsome anyway! Celtic. Dr, young 43, GSOH, romantic countryman, sporting, mod. WLTM attractive woman fun-loving woman 30-40 who enjoys being spoiled, dining out. Photo appreciated & returned. Please write to Box No 1796

ACADEMIC divorced, solvent, SE gentleman, based rural Hampshire, seeks petite n/s graceful partner 40's to share interests in literature, country walks, log fires and romantic cuddles. Photo please. Reply Box 1974

ACTIVE 49 Gentleman graduate professional. Not given to lonely self advertisement but quietly confident that a measure of spirit, agility and excitement and fun will attract a lady of quality to reply. Photograph and letter greatly appreciated. Box Reply to Box No 1986

A good looking photographer chap 40, FIT, divorced, no kids, intelligent, humorous, GSOH, easy going and a genuine nice guy. Seeks a desirable, bright, sexy, slimly, witty, loving lover woman, best object. Photo and phone no. please. Manchester/Leeds area. Reply to Box No 2009

ABSOLUTELY pilot living near Newbury seeks bright, beautiful woman, spontaneity appealing /sensible, or who was until recently (like me), who is a graduate, possibly solvent (but maybe not conventionally), has travelled (tolerantly too), and sort of knows what it all means. Don't need to be rich or out. Ma 44; yes, well - I am. Please Reply to Box No 1993

ATTRACTIVE career civil servant, 41, single, VGSOH, WLTM quiet petite woman for intimate relationship. South London based. Reply to Box No 1949

CAREFULLY - plans and hastily, fancy friend contact/fixer-mission. 50, desperate for company of lady in 30's or 40's. Please write to Box No 2035

3 CHAPS in Soho, attractive, well-dressed and single, 25-32 invite 3 ladies for dinner. If you'd like to broaden your social horizons, enjoy good cooking and wining, meeting new company, drop us a line to Box No 2040

EASY going, tall athletic handsome professional 36 man with GSOH seeks romantic warm hearted lady n/s by Mid Herts/N. London. Photo appreciated. Reply to Box No 1995

EDUCATED attractive professional African/American gent 33, 6'2" tall, single, GSOH, male intelligent attractive vivacious female under 36 for friendship/romance. Bath/Avon/London based. Photo appreciated reply to Box No 1960

FEMALE EXPLORER required, Age 27-32 with sense of humour n/s & adventure. Brilliant if chest is 36" and up. Travelling to Madagascar for 3 weeks over Christmas, with a 30yr old but attractive Brazilian to train & impress. Mr. For more details, please reply to Box No 1905

GLAMOROUS slim beautician 40+, sympathetic to single/divorced lady 50+ and/or 60's sophisticated public school gentleman with a view to marriage. Many years in Mayfair/London/Home Counties based. Please reply (photo essential) to Box No 1998

GLOS based prof male 42, attractive, warm, genuine, tall, slim and handsome, seeks petite attract for fun and lasting relationship. Photo reply with photo to Box No 1965

GOOD Man, 46, 6'11", lived and loved in Hampshire/Surrey, seeks good woman ideally for keeps. She should be 30-44, slim and fit, intelligent, good company, be a little shy and enjoy long walks and long cuddles! Like me, she should have broad interests concerning relationships. Multimedia boss would be a bonus. Photo would be nice. Please Reply to Box No 2051

HANDSOME tall prof male 37 genuinely wealthy, unconnected and totally sincere seeks petite female, Sloane type and country lover for lasting relationship. Devon/Cornwall. Please Reply with photo and phone no to Box No 2046. All replies treated in strictest confidence.

HAPPY Expat English ex-pat, 30yrs Fine Female, lives UAE, 6ft, 4", 40, dark haired, solvent, kind, erudite, generous and spontaneity. Needs slim lady for charades, loves to travel and rediscover civilisation. You will be stylish, positive, sensual and very feminine in need of the occasional strong arm and proper love. Please Reply to Box No 2022

IF you are a lover, a crusader, plain or cynical - I don't mind. All I want is loyalty and passion. Me? Early 40's, solid, endowed with a wallop, financially sound, happy and warm. Please Reply to Box No 1875

I'M a rat and needing some excitement? I may be the answer. I am 42yrs, 5'10", a public schoolboy/ex n/s divorced solvent SO, in great condition, with GSOH and seeking an attractive sexy fun-loving young lady to enjoy some good times. Be positive and write with photo please. Box No 1970

LEO male living W/Country no 30s seeks slimish attractive lady 48-56 ish with GSOH kind honesty, caring and with a romance feature. U have mad to share life's leisure + pleasures with. Inc. good food/wine, travel home/abroad. Ltr. etc. Photo. Tel no. All A to Box No 1674

NORTH WORCS. Tall attractive n/s bachelor 44yrs old business man who enjoys cooking wine and countryside has comfortable lifestyle but would like to meet sensible lady who perhaps would not necessarily reply photo if poss please Box No 1969

ORIENTAL, Asian or black female, under 40 very attractive, 5'4" and slim sought by professional, gentlemanly, slim, financially secure, white European, 50, with luxury London home, abode, to enjoy the very best things in life. Photograph and telephone number essential reply. Permanent relationship/marriage. Please Reply to Box No 1999

OUTWARDLY bordering the conventional, fervently otherwise! Male 31 years attractive successful romantic seeks unhurried dinner date with elegant stylish lady. Age immaterial. Photo with letter appreciated (returned). Please Reply to Box No 2036

PERFECT gentleman (almost!). Male professional 30s seeks perfect lady (almost!). Age and status immaterial just so long as you're good fun and looking for good fun evenings in and out. London area. Photo appreciated. Box No 1816

POSTGRADUATE Lawyer male Hindu 33 5'7" n/s decent & responsible with no baggage seeks similar female for friendship & marriage. Manchester. Any nationality/race photo app. Box 2014, ALA

PRO-ACTIVE romantic male 45 with successful business and genial lifestyle seeks tall charming female to share a log fire within in the country and occasional nights in Welsh borders. Reply with photograph please Box No 1942

PROFESSIONAL Librarian active 60 n/s wide interests including music photography who is fit & adventurous would like to meet lady aged 45-62 who is caring & thoughtful. Location no problem willing to travel. Photo appreciated. Please Reply to Box No 1967

PROFESSIONAL Cant. bell, circles, public school, Informed broad travel, music, outdoor pursuits, theatre, cinema. Please Reply to Box No 1889

SCANDINAVIAN businessman 48, resident UK with many and varied interests requires female companion with view to a lasting relationship. Age is a consideration with the bottom line 25 and 40 with a good sense of humour and be able to take the bore out of those boring business trips. Please Reply to Box No 1930

SCOTTISH Based businessman early 40's fed up giving his life to his work seeks loving female 25 to 40 to share his hectic travel schedule. Loves the good things in life but requires a dedicated person to share them with. Reply to Box No 1917

SOUTH Wales/North Oxfordshire. Genuine quiet GSOH, easy-going, tolerant, male in mid (wealthier, caring not, less, good company) seeks female companionship. Reply Box No 1988

SPORTY slim professional male 5'10" 39 years presented with the very best things in life. Really loves cooks lovely dust looks slim attractive petite more female 25-40 for caring relationship. Photo please. Reply to Box No 2053

TACTILE tall successful entrepreneur 45 with a zest for life wishes to meet a long-legged lady to share the joy of creating a caring loving relationship. Tel no and photograph essential for immediate reply. Bath/Cardiff area. Reply to Box No 1940

YOUTHFUL good looking 42 year Oxford educated own business owning bisexual living in London from Leicester and presently unattached seeks tall charismatically attractive caring sensitive male person of creative and lively personality for wining dining and much more. Please Reply to Box No 1946

PROFESSIONAL London male 41, seeks executive independent best friend; you possibly travel & work as hard as I do, but schedules can be organised to make the effort worthwhile. I imagine you will be 30-45, non-smoker, reliable & discreet, previous bold mine. ALA. Please Reply to Box No 1947

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FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT
ROME, NOV 15

On November 22 a Russian novel entitled *Dr Zhivago*, by Mr Boris Pasternak, who is better known as a poet, will be published in Italy by the Milan publishing firm of Feltrinelli. Signor Giangiacomo Feltrinelli, the head of the firm, told your correspondent of the complications which preceded its publication.

"For the second time in the 40-year history of the Russian revolution," he said, "a Russian novel by a Russian writer describing life in Soviet Russia without the approval of the Russian Communist Party's censorship will be published and read outside Russia. The first case was in 1933, when a Berlin publisher published a novel by a Russian writer, whose name I cannot recall.

"The reason the Italian language edition comes out first, although French, English, American and Swedish editions are also being prepared, is that the manuscript was given by Pasternak to an emissary of mine on a visit to Russia. I had sent for it when I heard that he had finished a novel, the first for many years. Pasternak is a friend of mine and gave me the world copyright unhesitatingly.

"Pasternak is not a hero of deviationism or a rebel against the present regime in Russia. He simply tried to write a sincere novel. He did his best to stop the publication after he was told that the Russian Communist Party did not approve of it. I insisted, however, on publishing the novel, because I think it serves a useful purpose. I am greatly relieved to read now in a report by the Italian Communist organ, *Unita*, that there may, after all, be a Russian edition some time next year.

"Pasternak's novel is the story of Soviet Russia since the revolution as lived by Jury Andreyevich Zhivago, a doctor, the descendant of a once wealthy bourgeois family. It is true that considerable pressure was brought upon me to postpone or even cancel the publication of the novel. I was approached by prominent people in the Italian Communist Party, of which I am myself a member.

"It was, and still is, my political conviction that I am doing the right thing in publishing the novel".

It was reported early this week that an English edition of *Dr Zhivago* is to be published by Collins early in the New Year.

ON THIS DAY

November 16, 1957

There was considerable excitement in European literary circles when it was announced that Dr Zhivago by Boris Pasternak (1890-1960), was to be published by an Italian firm.

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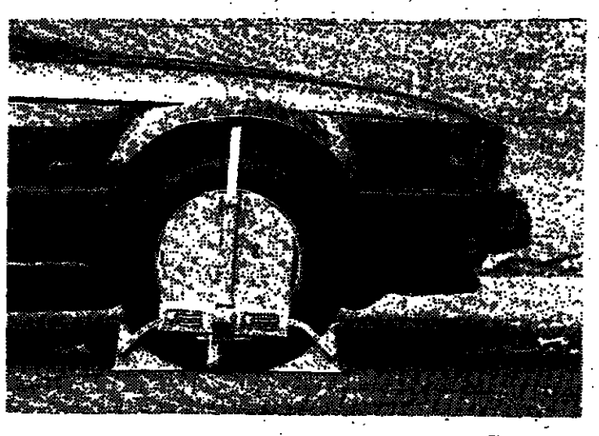
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Move here, have £10 million thrown in

If the market simply won't budge, make your prospective tenant an almost unrefusable offer. **Christopher Warman** reports

In a bold attempt to kick-start the commercial property sector into activity, the developer Imry Group is launching a scheme for its 103,000 sq ft building at 1,000 Great West Road, London, which seems to offer money for nothing.

Wang, the computer company, is vacating the property — recognised as the Wang building by thousands of motorists on the way to Heathrow airport — with 19 years of the lease to go, and it paid Imry a premium for doing so. In return Imry is offering the next tenant £10 million to move in. This could be regarded as a gimmick, but Martin Myers, chief executive of Imry, insists it is serious, practical and — more important — self-financing.

There is a catch for the prospective tenant, however, because even the most philanthropic of property developers does not give £10 million away for nothing. So for the £10 million payment, the tenant would be required to pay the rental level agreed with Wang before the recession and the consequent decline in market rents.

Mr Myers explains: "The problem of overrented office buildings has been recognised by the property industry for several years now. We believe that Imry's innovative new approach of offering a very large cash sum to an occupier to take space is the way forward for the entire sector. Not only will it prove, under all realistic scenarios, self-financing for the tenant, but a landlord making such a capital investment will generate a very satisfactory return in terms of income, as well as maintaining the capital value of the building itself."

Smaller scale tenants' incentives, such as rent-free periods or capital contributions for fitting out, are commonplace in seeking to persuade companies to sign leases. The difference with this office, Imry claims, is that — on certain assumptions — the tenant may easily to able to walk away with the £10 million.

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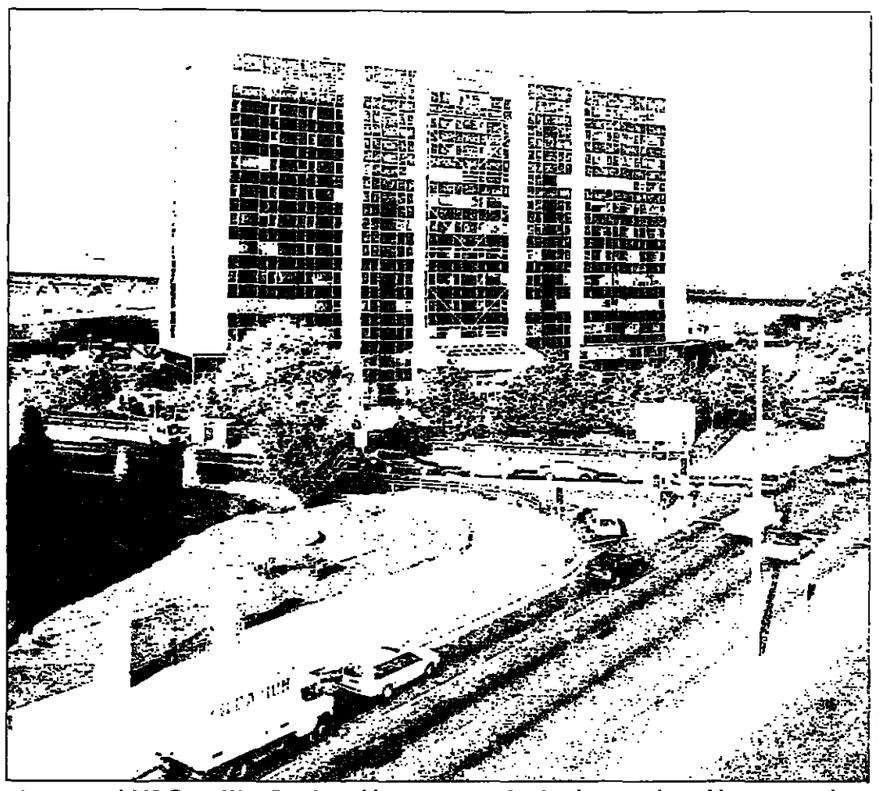
At 1,000 Great West Road, Imry is asking prospective tenants to assume Wang's rental obligation of £2.825 million (around £27.50 a sq ft). This compares with current market rental levels of about £20 a sq ft, and would mean the tenant paying an extra £765,000 a year.

For a financially healthy company, this could be self-financing. The company would need a return of 7.65 per cent on the £10 million to pay the extra, and with most stocks and other large corporations looking to generate an internal rate of return of over 10 per cent, this seems attainable. Under that scenario the tenant would still have the £10 million cash benefit, but if rents rise from their historically low levels — as they are predicted to do in the next few years — the £10 million could be a pure windfall.

Stockbrokers James Capel have forecast that rents in the West End, for example, will rise by 30 per cent by the end of 1995, and similar predictions have been made for property further west.

Mr Myers appreciates that prospective tenants may not wish to go for the innovative option, in which case Imry will be happy to let the building at the market rent, but he argues it would be a way of maintaining values and therefore helping to accelerate the recovery.

He believes that few new buildings will rise in the next two or three years, which will bring about an equilibrium to the market. Then, assuming that many second-rate buildings will never be let again, shortages will appear. As with musical chairs, when the loss of one chair causes a stampede for the others, so will the market respond and values will rise again.



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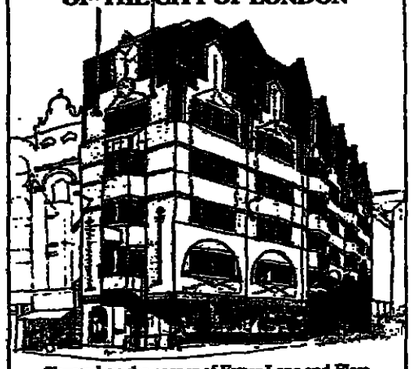
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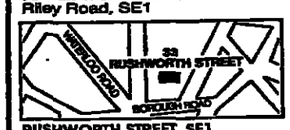
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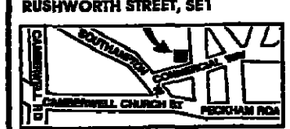
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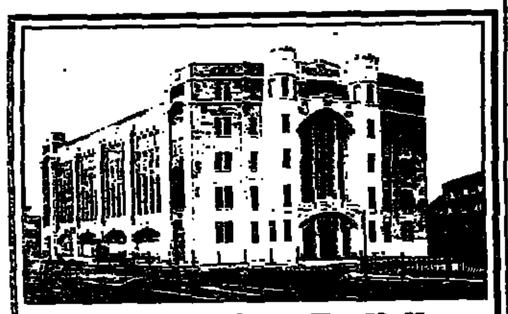
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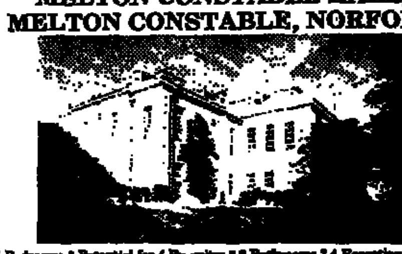
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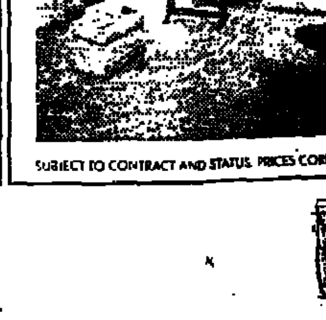
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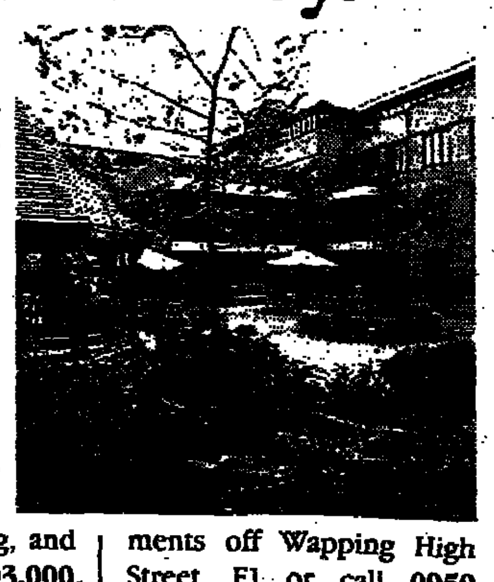
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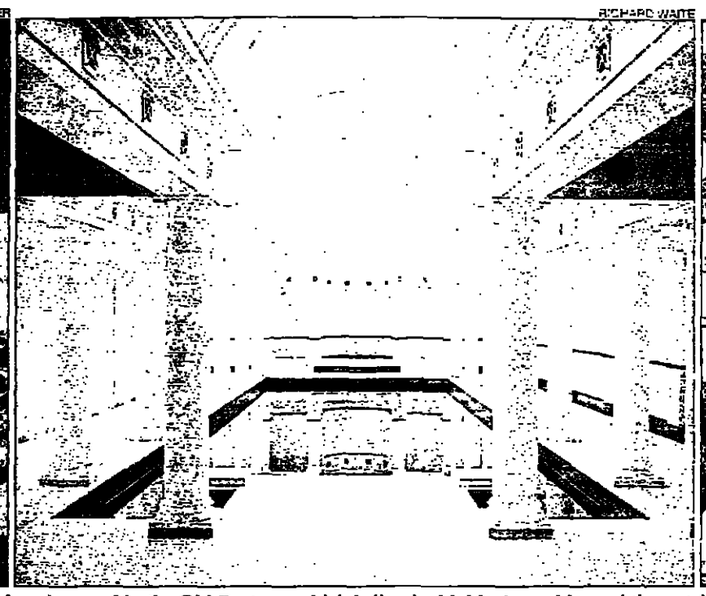
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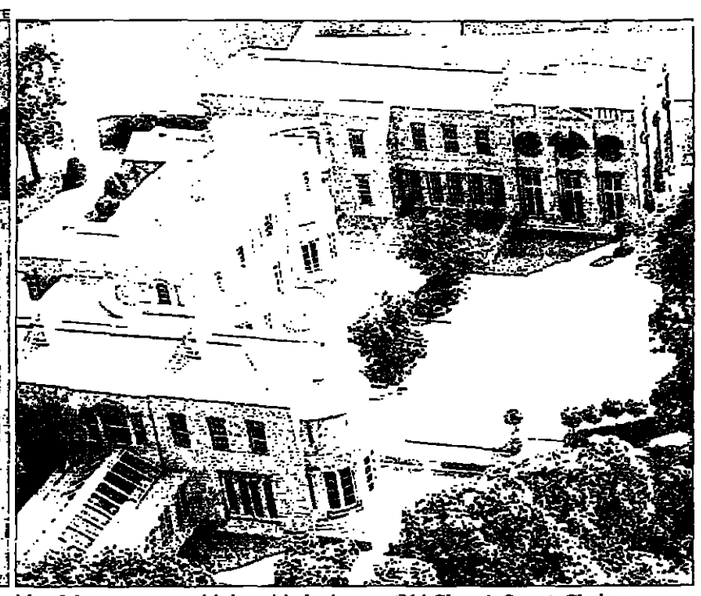
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Mystery behind the £25 million house


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The Japanese developer, Norikazu Nemoto, in his Mayfair flat; the swimming pool in the Old Rectory, which is lined with black marble, and the outside of the property, with its added wings at Old Church Street, Chelsea

A Japanese anglophile has transformed an old rectory — cost £8 million — into one of Britain's most exclusive houses. **Rachel Kelly** has a private viewing

The name Norikazu Nemoto is probably unknown to most. But in the property world he is making waves — tidal ones. For this 46-year-old, impeccably tailored Japanese businessman is the man behind the Old Rectory, 56 Old Church Street, Chelsea, on the market for £25 million and one of Britain's most expensive houses.

Toyoko Metropolitan Company (TMC), his British firm, acquired the rectory in 1990 for about £8 million and has spent at least the same again transforming it into probably the most handsome house in the land.

Considering the price of the Old Rectory, few homeowners are likely to be able to afford Mr Nemoto's creation. Most agents, including Knight Frank & Rutley which has been selling the house since this summer, agree that the most likely buyer for the rectory would be a foreigner.

But when I spoke to Mr Nemoto at his Mayfair flat last week, he revealed other plans which are likely to have more relevance for home-grown buyers. Inspired by a love of all things British and a rejection of the modernity of Japan, he plans to develop — as soon as he can — at least four more houses or flats in London. These will be given the same attention to style and detail that has marked the Old Rectory, but their price tags will be nearer the £1 million mark.

He has plans for at least four such projects a year, and is has committed himself in the long term. In ten years' time, he envisages spending six months a year in England, combining an expansion of his business interests in Britain with his air-conditioning-to-civil-engineering business in Japan which employs 2,700 people and has a turnover of £150 million a year. Though he would like to build from scratch, planning regulations and the lack of land in central London mean that it is more likely that his projects will be refurbishments.

"We don't plan any more big trophy projects after the Old Rectory," Mr Nemoto says. "From now on, my partners and I are looking to refurbish or develop properties that will still be unique, but their prices will make them relevant to more consumers."

His partners are the design duo, Anthony Collett and David Champion, who have until now represented TMC. Their previous work includes Jeffrey Archer's flat on Millbank, and the Bath and Racquets Club for Mark Birley. As Mr Nemoto says, he is the patron who allows their creative genius to flourish.

Such projects will still be exclusive and the preserve only of the very rich. Mr Nemoto is not talking mass-produced, Wimpey-style homes. But his vision of state-of-the-art property developments is a useful lesson in the future of interior decoration and architectural refurbishment. Few may be able to afford the work of TMC but its influence is already being felt. As in the world of high fashion, where couture leads, the high street follows.

One theme is the restraint of the decor. Mr Collett and Mr Champion are of the Conran rather than the Laura Ashley school of home decorating. Both old and new are combined and admired in their decorative schemes, which feel modern but are peppered with classical references.

It is, says Mr Champion, "dry, simple, and plain, with only the odd flurry and bit of amusement". This is the direction in which interior decoration is going. Farewell to splashy flowers and rouched blinds. Bye bye to chintz and Smallbone. Hello to pared-down simplicity.

> "Whoever buys the property will fall in love with it"

The natural beauty of expensive materials — typically the warmth of wood and marble rather than the coldness of glass and steel — is allowed to speak for itself. At the Old Rectory, the shower rooms are made of ochre Sienna marble, exuding what Mr Collett describes as that "wonderful Moroccan feeling". The cupboards are made of cedar of Lebanon, which deters moths and smells delicious.

In Mr Nemoto's Mayfair flat there are full-height, four-panel folding doors which close off each reception area. The doors are coated in pure gold leaf, matt-varnished. Sometimes, materials surprise. The curtains are trimmed with a suede-lookalike material more usually used in yacht interiors. The effect is soothing. This is increased by the way that rooms in TMC developments flow into one another, echoing colour schemes and architectural leitmotivs.

A second theme on display, not only at the Old Rectory, but in TMC's other three London projects — redecorating Mr Nemoto's own flat, refurbishing a house in Rutland Gate and building a modern house adjacent to the Old Rectory — is the division between formal and family life.

At the Old Rectory, a new Palladian-style north wing added to the existing Grade II listed building, contains most of the staff rooms, tucked away in separate suites with a floor lay-out designed to allow unobtrusive entries and exits.

The problem with many newly built expensive houses, Mr Champion says, is that they fail to make proper allowance for the need for staff, or to make such accommodation decent enough. Certainly, it is a problem that dogged the sale of Quinlan Terry's villas in Regent's Park, one of which had to be remodelled to provide more staff accommodation.

There are no shoeboxes for live-in staff at the Old Rectory, but nicely proportioned rooms with bathrooms and kitchens nearly as well-finished as those in the main rooms.

A third characteristic is the way that TMC's work feels international rather than British and rather parochial. Given that Mr Nemoto first visited London in 1990, and that Mr Champion and Mr Collett are South African, this does not surprise.

Nothing is less British than the detailing in the bathrooms. Both in the Old Rectory and at Mr Nemoto's flat, they are so solid they might be in a grand hotel. The walls tend to be marbled, either in black or cream. The showers have solid duckboarding on the floor. There is plenty of well-designed storage. International too are the classical details. British in origin, but often reworked with a humorous touch or innovation.

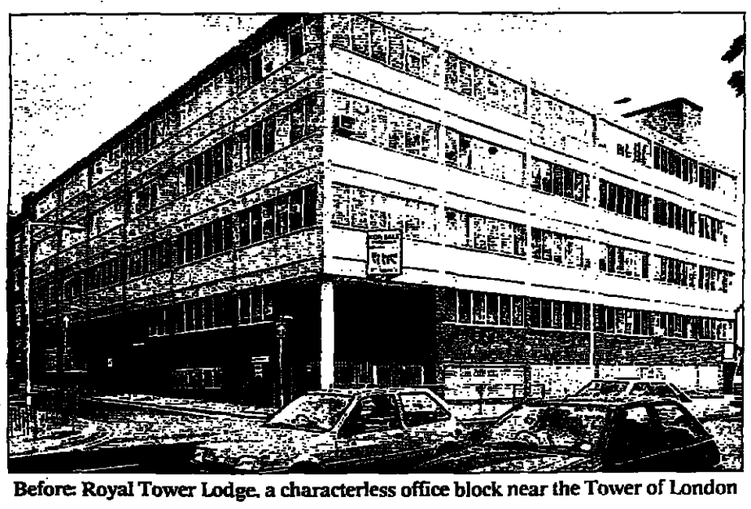
All TMC developments have fail-safe security, air-conditioning, ensuite bathrooms with each bedroom, and somewhere to exercise, be it a gym or a swimming pool, if possible. At the Old Rectory there is a pool lined in black marble. Modern appliances are always concealed, though. A brass door at the Rectory conceals a standard fire alarm. The garden sprinklers are discreetly set in the gravel path in the woodland glade.

There is a niche for work of this standard in the British property market, says Mr Nemoto, "but nobody is developing projects in the way that we are". In part, it is London's appeal to international buyers, he says, who expect this kind of thing, but find there is little on the market. Speedy sales on three out of four of TMC's projects seem to confirm his contention. A modern house adjacent to the Old Rectory sold before it even came on the market, Mr Collett points out.

Four months after its launch, the Old Rectory is, however, not sold. But Mr Nemoto is relaxed. He has no plans to drop the price and says that he is under no financial pressure from his British bankers. He will not, he says, make a huge profit from the project, but he hopes it will have established his reputation for excellence.

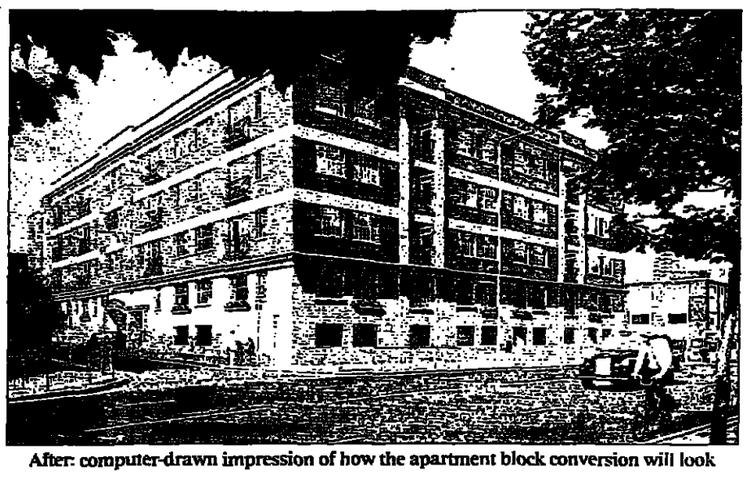
He expects that the house will be sold by the new year. "Whoever buys the house will fall in love with it," he adds. "The other three buyers fell in love. That is what we are aiming for, and that is what I think we have achieved."

Low commercial returns mean investors are switching from offices to flats



Before: Royal Tower Lodge, a characterless office block near the Tower of London

When living in the office can be a dream



After: computer-drawn impression of how the apartment block conversion will look

Living in an office is becoming more than a mere turn of phrase thanks to a trend for turning city-centre offices into flats. Property agents report that there is a glut of office space in London, especially the lower than prime space. For many owners of commercial property, the rent they could get for office use, while there is this glut, would be a bad investment.

David Goldstone is chairman of Regalian, a property company which has become expert at converting office blocks to flats. He says that the return on residential property is roughly twice that on commercial property.

Other developers are also capitalising on the fact that the residential market in London has outstripped its commercial brother. If blocks are carefully chosen for their residential and planning potential, they can be rejuvenated as highly desirable flats,and the removal of VAT from such conversions could give the trend an extra fillip.

Such schemes abound. Barratt has just bought its second modern central London office block, Teziak House at the Barbican, which it hopes to convert to "stylish apartments". It has already started work on its first conversion. Royal Tower Lodge, a faceless modern cube near the Tower of London, might not have had instant appeal but as the picture shows, it will change beyond recognition.

Work started in August on transforming the £1 million 40,000 sq ft building into 41 one and two-bedroom flats selling for between £80,000 and £130,000, the first of which will be released soon.

The change taking place at Alembic House on the Albert Embankment, with its views along the Thames, is well-known if only because of the high profile of the occupant of the top two floors, Jeffrey Archer. The 12 floors below his magnificent perch are being converted and Regalian is renaming the tower Peninsula Heights. The building is being stripped to its shell before being reclad and reglazed. The flats will be marketed at £450,000 for a two-bedroomed unit.

Not all buildings are suitable for conversion. Andrew Storey, Regalian's project director,who deals with the technical problems, such as providing plumbing and meeting building regulations, says: "You need a building of the right dimensions and the right fenestration. Flats must have natural daylight so some deep office buildings do not readily lend themselves. And fire and environmental health regulations can be tricky. Smoke detection is important and kitchen ventilation is essential because we must consider what happens if someone has a chip-pan fire."

Mr Goldstone says that bringing obsolete blocks to residential standard might cost a lot but that office owners should realise that such blocks could never be brought to the standard required by today's office technology. This is mainly true of offices built before the late 1960s, which lack modern facilities such as air-conditioning and where ceiling heights often do not allow for raised floors to provide necessary computer-cable ducts.

He says: "Owners of office blocks live in hope. They know they are obsolete and they hope someone will take them on, but when it doesn't happen they should try to sell them for residential use."

Good location is important, and is certainly an asset of another just-completed development. Molasses House, which was opened on September 22. It borders the Thames at Plantation Wharf, Battersea, and is within easy reach of Chelsea shops. Savills is selling the 41 flats, which start at £95,000 for a one-bed unit without river views. Molasses House was previously being developed for mixed commercial and residential use, but the project failed. Try Homes, which bought it from the receivers, says that making it a residential development restored its potential at a stroke.

Philip Jackson of Chestertons has no doubt the trend is taking off. He has six clients looking for well-located office blocks to convert and says: "We are not the only agency with a number of clients wanting to convert commercial buildings to flats. We have just made a substantial offer on some buildings we think might get residential planning permission. Several other schemes are due for completion in 18 months."

The Manhattan Loft Corporation has taken a successful approach. It has just sold 33 loft-type apartments, which are presented as empty shells with capped-off services, at Soho Lofts, Wardour Street. A former office block, it has released the four penthouses early. They cost from £850,000 to £1.1 million. The company is also converting a similar building in central Manchester, where prices are lower.

But Mr Goldstone says that conversions are not always a sure bet. "Refurbishment has major problems because of the unforeseen costs. When you build from new, you know it will cost £X a sq ft but, there is no such certainty with this unless you have vast experience. It's a specialised area."

His view is shared by David Pretty, the chairman of Barratts southern region. "VAT relief should increase the number of conversions. But many office buildings simply do not lend themselves to effective conversion.

"Too few office buildings are in good locations from a residential point of view. Homes need to be near social amenities which offices don't need. We are very firm on our criteria. Location is the first, then the buildings must be structurally sound and lend themselves to easy sub-division into flats and they must have adequate car parking.

"There is a shortage of residential land in London. But we viewed many office blocks until we found the two we bought and no others were suitable. I see no reason why the concept should not take off in other large cities such as Manchester and Birmingham, so long as they have suitable buildings."

CHRISTINE WEBB

Fantasy for sale

Outside, it's a terrace house. Inside, the style is OTT Gothic

From the outside, there is little to distinguish 36 Thames Street, in Hampton, southwest London, from its terraced neighbours in the high street. But inside lies a Gothic fantasy.

The transformation from terrace house to medieval folly started when Andy Carroll and his wife Janet were redecorating the kitchen of the house, which cost them £39,500 in 1983.

Mr Carroll cannot explain his love of all things Gothic. "I think it is because its luxury and extravagance is such a contrast to so much of the blandness of modern life."

Mr Carroll, 36, a graphic designer, wanted Victorian geometric tiles for the floor. He bought a confession box from a derelict church as an airing cupboard for his bathroom.

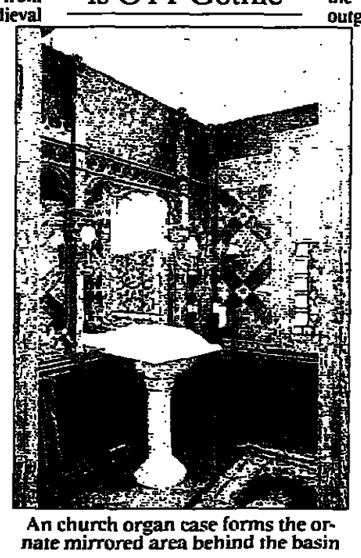
The panelling around the Carrolls' bath has been converted from Gothic choir stalls and an empty organ case from a south London Church has been fitted with mirrors for the area behind the basin. The lower halves of the arched windows are stained glass, so there is no need for curtains, and the pattern of the tiled walls is based on that of a church floor Mr Carroll photographed in Hereford.

The bathroom is by far the most spectacular room but the Gothic style is spread thoughout the house. The walls have been oak-panelled at a cost of £6,000, or covered in William Morris wallpaper. All nylon carpeting has been pulled up and replaced with pitch pine or herringbone-style oak parquet flooring, and a new £7,000 slate roof, with Gothic terracotta ridge tiles and finials, was installed last year.

The previous owner had the two ground-floor rooms knocked into one. The Carrolls have spent £10,000 to have it panelled, and a central painted-brick chimney breast with raised open hearth built in. A semi-spiral staircase leads to the upstairs landing.

As well as a deep, white butler sink with brass period-style taps, the £11,000 refitted kitchen contains one of the most expensive improvements: £1,800 worth of solid granite on all work surfaces.

Mrs Carroll says: "Nobody can ever find the fridge or dishwasher when they go into the kitchen." They are concealed by panelling to hide their "hideously modern" look. Stairs from the kitchen lead to the third bedroom, the only untouched room in the house, which is used by Mr Carroll as a design studio.



An church organ case forms the ornate mirrored area behind the basin

Now the house, part of which dates back to 1725 and was a stable, is on the market for £145,000. With three dogs, and an eight-month-old baby, the Carrolls feel they have outgrown the property. Although the house has a £6,000 roof garden, they yearn for more private space.

A similar house without all the Carrolls' improvements would cost about £120,000, David Whyte of Black Horse Agencies says.

This falls short, however, of the £55,000 total cost of the improvements. The addition of central heating and a garage, according to the Halifax building society, are the only property improvements that add as much in value as they cost.

The Carrolls' love of Gothic décor remains. Having failed to find a medieval church, they hope to move into a Gothic lodge in Cobham, Surrey. But first they must find a buyer who is passionate about Gothic decoration and does not mind the lack of garden, and a busy road.

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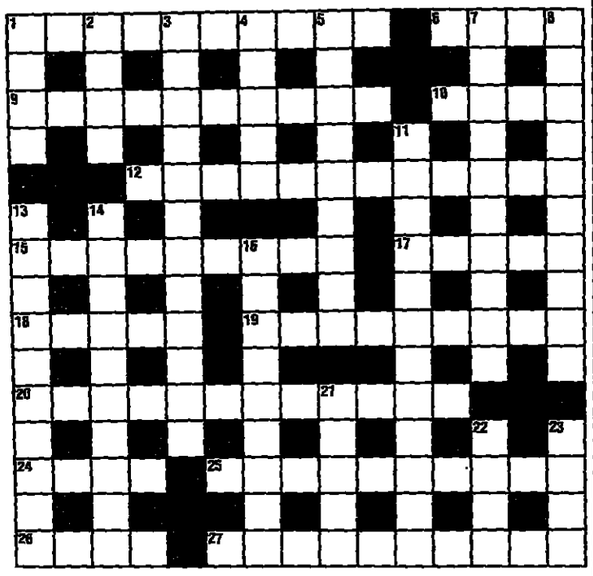
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19 Lots of shots round main road in battle (9).
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25 Completion of record delayed as long as possible (4-6).
26 Basket-maker's career (4).
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Monday. Highest day temp: Heathrow 19C (61F); lowest day max: Loch Sunart/Inchmarlo, Highland 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Nottingham 1.24in; highest sunshine: Belfast 8hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will have showers, particularly in western parts of England. Eastern counties will have a dry, bright start, but cloud will build up from the west as the day goes on. It should stay dry in eastern regions during the day but showers will spread after nightfall.

Scotland and Northern Ireland will have showers, heaviest and most frequent in the north and west. The showers will die out in eastern regions for a time, but some quite heavy rain will spread from the west during the day. It will be breezy, with temperatures near or a little above normal.

☐ **London, SE, Central S, E, Central N, NE England, E Anglia, E Midlands:** dry, bright or sunny spells, showers in the evening. Wind southwest, moderate to fresh. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **W Midlands, SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, N Ireland:** showers, more frequent and heavier towards evening. Wind southwesterly, fresh. Max 11C (52F).

☐ **Channel Isles:** showers with some longer spells of rain. Wind southwesterly, moderate. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth:** sunny at first, cloudy with outbreaks of rain for a time later. Wind southwesterly, fresh to strong. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **SW, NE, NW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Argyll, Orkney, Shetland:** showers or longer periods of rain, heavy at times. Wind southwesterly, fresh to strong. Max 9C (48F).

☐ **Outlook:** rather unsettled and windy. Cooler on Thursday, mild again on Friday.

AROUND BRITAIN

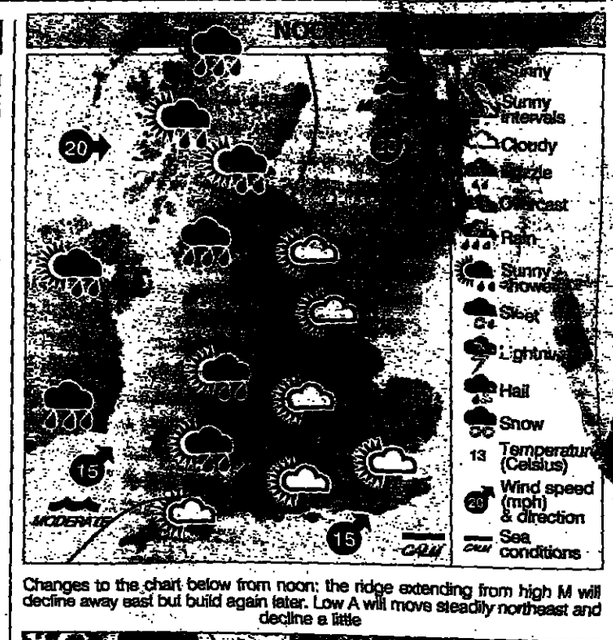
24 hrs to 5 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	C	F			Sun hrs	Rain in	C	F	
Aberdeen	X					London	-	0.01	16	61	d
Anglesey	0.2	0.32	13	55	c	Lowestoft	-		16	61	c
Aspatria	0.1	0.72	13	55	sh	Manchester	0.1	0.80	15	59	c
Avemore	0.1	0.89	10	50	sh	Margate	X				
Belfast	4.0	0.02	13	55	sh	Minehead	0.4	0.32	16	61	r
Birmingham	0.1	0.06	15	59	r	Morecambe	0.3	0.28	13	55	c
Bognor R	-	0.37	14	57	r	Newcastle	3.0	0.05	15	59	s
Bournem'th	-	0.44	15	59	sh	Newquay	X				
Bristol	-	0.40	15	59	r	Norwich	0.1	0.02	16	61	c
Buxton	-	0.36	14	57	c	Nottingham	0.3	1.24	15	59	c
Cardiff	-	0.22	14	57	r	Oxford	-	0.08	15	59	c
Clacton	-	-	15	59	c	Penzance	-	0.35	14	57	r
Colwyn Bay	1.1	0.38	15	59	c	Plymouth	-	0.69	14	57	r
Cromer	-	0.06	16	61	c	Poole	-	0.45	16	61	r
Doncaster	0.8	0.07	16	61	c	Prestatyn	X	0.13	15	59	b
Eastbourne	-	0.44	15	59	r	Ross-o-wye	0.3	0.08	15	59	c
Edinburgh	X					Ryde	X				
Eskdalemuir	0.1	1.09	10	50	sh	Salcombe	X				
Exmouth	-	0.09	15	59	c	Sandown	-	0.30	15	59	r
Falmouth	X	0.13	14	57	sh	Saunts Snd	-	0.19	14	57	c
Fishguard	-	0.14	13	55	c	Scarboro'	2.4	0.05	16	61	c
Folkestone	-	0.17	14	57	r	Scilly Isles	-	0.15	13	55	d
Glasgow	0.2	0.11	12	54	sh	Shanklin	-	0.41	14	57	r
Guernsey	-	0.58	16	59	r	Shrewsbury	1.4	0.05	15	59	r
Hastings	-	0.42	14	57	r	Skegness	-	0.05	15	59	c
Hayling I	-	0.25	15	59	sh	Southend	-	0.02	16	61	du
Herne Bay	-	-	16	61	du	Southport	X				
Hove	-	0.26	14	57	r	Southsea	X				
Hunstanton	-	0.02	15	59	c	Stornoway	3.8	0.29	10	50	sh
Ilfracombe	X					Swanage	-	0.70	14	57	r
Isle of Man	0.9	0.03	14	57	c	Teignmouth	0.4	0.25	16	61	d
Jersey	-	0.17	15	59	r	Tenby	-	0.28	14	57	c
Kinloss	1.3	0.19	11	52	sh	Thirsk	0.4	0.54	12	54	sh
Leeds	1.1	0.29	15	59	sh	Torquay	-	0.72	15	59	d
Lerwick	1.9	0.23	10	50	sh	Tynemouth	X				
Leuchars	3.2	0.31	12	54	sh	Ventnor	-	0.35	14	57	r
Littlehmptn	-	0.39	14	57	r	Weymouth	-	0.17	14	57	r
Liverpool	0.6	0.23	14	57	c	These are Monday's figures					

ABROAD

Ajaccio	15	66	s	C'phagn	10	50	f	Majorca	20	68	f
Akrotiri	17	63	s	Corfu	17	63	s	Malaga	20	68	s
Alex'dria	18	64	c	Dublin	11	52	f	Malta	21	70	f
Algiers	21	70	s	Dubrovnik	16	61	s	Melb'rne	15	59	c
Amst'dm	13	55	f	Faro	21	70	s	Mexico C	21	70	s
Athens	14	57	f	Florence	9	48	r	Miami	26	79	c
Bahrain	28	82	s	Frankfurt	13	55	f	Milan	11	52	c
Bangkok	30	90	s	Geneva	-	-	-	Montreal	13	55	f
Barbados	30	86	f	Gibraltar	18	64	f	Moscow	-4	25	sn
Barcelona	18	64	s	Helsinki	6	43	c	Munich	14	57	r
Beirut	21	70	f	Hong K	28	82	f	Nairobi	23	73	f
Belgrade	13	55	s	Innsbruck	12	54	f	Naples	18	64	s
Berlin	13	55	f	Istanbul	10	50	f	N Delhi	27	81	s
Bermuda	23	73	s	Jeddah	33	91	s	N York	16	61	s
Biarritz	17	63	s	Jo'burg	27	81	s	Nice	17	63	c
Borde'x	17	63	f	Karachi	33	91	c	Oslo	1	34	fg
Brussels	14	57	f	L Palmas	23	73	s	Paris	15	59	f
Budapst	7	45	f	Le Tquet	14	57	f	Peking	2	36	c
B Aires	-	-	-	Lisbon	17	63	s	Perth	31	88	s
Cairo	30	86	f	Locarno	13	55	c	Prague	11	52	r
Cape Tn	19	66	c	L Angels	18	64	s	Reykjavik	-2	28	s
Chicago	16	61	s	Luxembg	11	52	c	Rhodes	17	63	s
Ch'church	23	73	s	Luxor	27	81	s	Rio de J	27	81	f
Cologne	13	55	r	Madrid	14	57	s	Riyadh	33	91	c
								Rome	17	63	s
								Salzburg	13	55	f
								S'Prince	9	48	s
								Santiago	24	75	f
								S Paulo	28	79	c
								Seoul	9	48	c
								Sing'por	31	88	f
								Stockhm	3	37	r
								Straslb'rg	14	57	c
								Sydney	22	72	f
								Tangier	22	72	s
								Tel Aviv	19	66	s
								Tenerife	25	77	f
								Tokyo	13	55	s
								Toronto	17	63	c
								Tunis	21	70	f
								Valencia	20	68	s
								Vanc'ver	8	46	r
								Venice	8	46	fg
								Vienna	9	48	s
								Warsaw	10	50	c
								Wash'ton	22	72	s
								Wel'ngton	16	61	c
								Zurich	10	50	s

Temperatures at midday local time X = not available



Changes to the chart below from noon: the ridge extending from high M will decline away east but build again later. Low A will move steadily northeast and decline a little



TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.07	6.9	12.25	6.9	Liverpool	9.50	8.7	10.05	8.8
Aberdeen	-	-	12.13	4.1	Lowestoft	7.58	2.4	8.22	2.5
Avonmouth	5.40	12.3	6.01	12.5	Margate	10.43	4.5	11.10	4.6
Belfast	3.40	3.2	9.57	3.2	Milford Haven	4.48	6.5	5.07	6.6
Cardiff	5.32	11.29	6.51	11.50	Newquay	3.42	4.6	3.59	6.5
Devonport	4.16	5.1	4.30	5.2	Oban	4.12	3.6	4.33	3.6
Dover	9.48	6.3	10.12	6.3	Penzance	3.18	5.2	3.31	5.3
Falmouth	3.46	4.9	4.00	5.0	Portland	5.10	1.9	5.24	7.9
Glasgow	11.41	4.7	-	-	Portsmouth	9.59	4.5	10.19	4.6
Harwich	10.18	3.8	10.46	3.9	Holyhead	9.06	6.2	9.16	5.3
Hull	4.49	8.87	5.20	8.86	Shoreham	10.02	5.9	10.23	5.8
Ilfracombe	4.31	8.56	4.39	8.76	Southampton	9.27	4.4	9.47	4.5
King's Lynn	4.52	6.2	4.25	6.2	Swansea	4.49	8.8	5.08	9.0
Leith	12.54	6.1	1.25	5.2	Tees	2.01	4.9	2.32	4.9
					Wilton-on-Ntse	10.15	6.0	10.42	6.1

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Sun rises: 7.20 am. Sun sets: 4.10 pm
Moon sets 5.25 am. Moon rises 3.19 pm
Full moon tomorrow

London 4.10 pm to 7.22 am
Bristol 4.20 pm to 7.31 am
Edinburgh 4.04 pm to 7.33 am
Manchester 4.11 pm to 7.38 am
Penzance 4.37 pm to 7.38 am

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BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook — WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 16 1994

America raises interest rates by 0.75 per cent

BY GEORGE SIVELL AND COLIN NARBROUGH

AMERICA's Federal Reserve raised interest rates last night by 0.75 of a percentage point, the sixth rise so far this year.

The rise had been widely expected by world markets, but many observers had assumed the central bank would raise interest rates only by half a point after recent signs of weakening in the American economy.

Nevertheless, the dollar and American Treasury bonds leapt immediately after the announcement that the Federal funds rate, which banks charge each other for money, was to rise to 5.5 per cent and that the discount rate was to go up to 4.75 per cent.

The Fed said after the conclusion of its open market committee meeting: "These measures were taken against the background of evidence of persistent strength in economic activity and high and rising levels of resource utilization.

"In these circumstances, the Federal Reserve views these actions as necessary to keep inflation contained and thereby foster sustainable economic growth."

Following the announcement the dollar lept to DM1.55, but the Dow Jones industrial average reversed an early lead. Treasury bonds rose by more than half a dollar.

Statistics released earlier yesterday showed that Americans brushed aside concerns about rising interest rates last month. Retail sales data issued yesterday ahead of the monetary policy meeting of the open markets committee showed a 1.1 per cent rise last month, the fifth monthly increase in a row. Industrial output also resumed its climb last month after dropping back in September. October production data, also published yesterday, showed a rise of 0.7 per cent, the 16th monthly gain out of 17 months.

The Fed said that capacity usage in factories, utilities and mines rose to 84.9 per cent last month, the highest for nearly 15 years, when the rate reached 85.1 per cent. Capacity usage fell 0.3 per cent in September to 84.5 per cent.

The US monetary authorities monitor capacity usage and industrial output figures closely for signs of bottlenecks emerging that would boost inflationary pressures.

After an 0.1 per cent dip in industrial production in September, the renewed rise last month came in spite of an 0.5 per cent drop in output from utilities, which reflected unusually warm weather. Mine output was also lower. But consumer goods, excluding cars and utilities, rose 0.4 per cent. Computers and other business equipment was 1 per cent higher.

Demand for cars and trucks provided a strong boost to retail sales last month. The American Commerce Department revised the September retail sales rise down from 0.6 per cent to 0.5 per cent, but revised upwards the August increase to 1.4 per cent from the 1.1 per cent initially given.

In spite of the vigour evident in the economic data, President Clinton, speaking at the Asia-Pacific economic summit in Jakarta, Indonesia, said that the pressure to raise US interest rates came from currency market volatility and he stressed the importance of keeping the dollar stable.

Boots buys back £500m of its shares

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST AND PATRICIA TEHAN

SG WARBURG, the investment bank, yesterday completed the City's biggest buy-back programme, acquiring shares worth £500 million for cancellation by The Boots Company.

Warburg acquired 96.13 million shares in Boots, 9 per cent of the total, paying between 528p and 535p a share in the market. Boots shares jumped 12p on the news, to close at 525p. The price has been depressed as the market awaits the disposal of Boots' pharmaceuticals business.

Warburg will be paid commission on the transaction, estimated at more than £1 million. Normal sales commission rates for this type of deal are between 0.15 and 0.3 per cent. Boots is also likely to have paid a corporate finance fee. The investment bank's entire UK salesforce was put to work on the deal. A spokesman said: "We were very pleased to complete the transaction during the course of the day." About 100 financial institutions sold parts of their shareholdings.

For technical tax reasons, the group bought 4.6 million shares in the market at the higher end of the price range before the repurchase programme. The cost of this is included in the main £500 million package.

Analysts welcomed the move, saying that without the buy-back programme, the group's earnings would have been diluted by the disposal of its pharmaceuticals arm.

Boots has been planning a share buy-back programme for several months, but put its plans on hold while negotiating the £850 million sale of the pharmaceutical business. It is negotiating a sale to BASF, the German drugs group.

The company said the repurchase would achieve a more efficient capital structure in the long-term and enhance earnings per share.

The buy-back had already been authorised by Boots' shareholders at the annual meeting in July. Shareholders authorised the repurchase of up to 10 per cent of shares, but Boots decided on 9 per cent "because £500 million was a rounder number," according to one observer.

Without the share buy-back, Boots would have been left with a cash surplus of more than £1 billion. Some in the City had expected to receive a special one-off dividend.

A Boots spokesman said the group had opted for a share buy-back rather than a special one-off dividend because shareholders would benefit more. "With a special dividend, shareholders paying tax at 40 per cent would be worse off," the spokesman said. "But by buying back shares, albeit from a small group of institutions, we are increasing future earnings because there are fewer shares in circulation. That is obviously to the benefit of all shareholders."

A special dividend would also have been more costly for Boots — about £550 million.

Assuming the sale to BASF goes ahead, Boots will still have a large cash surplus, even after buying £500 million of shares. A group spokesman said this would fund future expansion of its remaining operations. Boots has made no secret of its desire to buy over-the-counter drug companies.

The Boots buy-back was the biggest of its kind in what has been a busy year for buy-backs. Nine of the 12 regional electricity distributors have bought back shares. Nigel Hawkins, electricy analyst at Hoare Govett, said: "The distribution companies have an extremely strong cash position, and ... believe it is the best way to maximise shareholder value."

Eastern Electricity has bought back shares worth £90 million, while the eight others bought back shares worth a total of £650 million. Midlands Electricity was the biggest buyer, taking back more than £150 million of its shares.

East Midlands has been the only electricity company to award a special dividend, paying out £185.5 million to existing shareholders.

Glaxo is also tipped as a buy-back candidate.

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PETER TRIEVNOR



Hoedown showdown: Robert Gunlack, chairman, left, and Simon Granger, finance director of the recently floated restaurant group Break for the Border, revealed a rise in pre-tax profits to £259,000 in the half year to September from £140,000. The maiden half-year dividend has been set at 0.33p and the directors are encouraged by current trading.

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3135.4	(+40.1)
Yield	4.08%	
FT-SE A All share	1553.90	(+16.59)
Nikkei	19391.68	(+130.23)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3847.22	(+17.49)*
S&P Composite	467.78	(+1.74)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5½%*	(5½%)
Long Bond	93²⁸/₃₂*	(93¹⁷/₃₂)
Yield	8.06%*	(8.08%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	5¹⁵/₁₆%	(6¹/₁₆%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	102¹³/₃₂	(101²³/₃₂)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5840*	(1.5865)
London:		
$	1.5839	(1.5883)
DM	2.4479	(2.4493)
FFr	8.4095	(8.4190)
SFr	2.0567	(2.0654)
Yen	155.65	(155.92)
£ Index	80.1	(80.2)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5450*	(1.5446)
FFr	5.3105*	(5.3115)
SFr	1.3000*	(1.2975)
Yen	98.27*	(98.32)
$ Index	82.2	(82.2)

Tokyo close Yen 98.17

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Jan)	$16.85	($16.60)

GOLD

London close	$386.85	($385.10)

* denotes midday trading price

Power surge

The biggest surge in power demand for a decade helped PowerGen to lift profits by 9 per cent to £118 million during the first half. Consumption of electricity in England and Wales rose 3 per cent year on year, PowerGen said, mainly because of increased use by manufacturers stepping up output. **Page 26, Tempus 28**

Deflated

Full-year profits at BOC Group were deflated by one-off restructuring costs and generic competition for its Forane anaesthetic although operating profits rose by 5 per cent **Page 27, Tempus 28**

BT view-by-phone test draws warning

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

BRITAIN'S telephone watchdog yesterday signalled his determination to ensure the development of an open-access information superhighway in Britain after BT announced plans for the world's biggest television-by-phone trial.

Don Cruickshank, head of Oftel, said that a consultative document next spring would seek to ensure that the spirit of existing licences — which prevent BT broadcasting television by phone — would be maintained. He said that any full service, as distinct from a trial, must be "fully consistent with UK policy" on competitive provision of telecommunications. "I want to ensure that the principles of fair trading contained in licences held by BT and others would apply equally to these proposed new services," he said.

The warning came hours after BT announced plans for a full-scale trial of interactive television involving 2,500 homes and eight schools in Ipswich and Colchester. During the trial, viewers will be able to access 1,000 hours of films and programmes via their telephone wire, as well as interactive travel, shopping and entertainment services. Because viewers will be able to start and stop programmes at will, the interactive technology developed by BT for use on ordinary telephone lines will circumvent restrictions on its ability to compete with cable TV companies. An early national extension of the trial could force cable TV companies, which have spent hundreds of millions of pounds building duplicate local telephone networks, to offer similar services.

Oftel welcomed BT's emphasis on interactive serices. Mr Cruickshank said: "I am confident that transaction-based services, such as home banking ... will, in time, outgrow purely entertainment services."

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Smith & Nephew wins US contract

BY SARAH BAGNALL

SMITH & Nephew, the healthcare company, has won a $400 million five-year contract to supply a range of orthopaedic and woundcare products to American Healthcare Systems (AmHS), the biggest buying group in the United States.

AmHS represents 40 healthcare systems and 1,000 healthcare organisations in 47 American states. They have combined annual sales of $32 billion.

John Robinson, chief executive, said: "This is one of the largest contracts ever awarded. It is very important because American Healthcare Systems is the largest purchasing group for healthcare products." The shares rose 3p to 147½p.

Smith & Nephew was competing against about eight other companies for the contract, which covers the bulk of its product range.

Companies such as AmHS are becoming an increasingly important feature of the rapidly changing US market for healthcare products.

Mr Robinson said: "We expect to see much more of these deals in the future. Currently about 30 per cent of healthcare product sales are conducted by contracts. I expect that to rise to 80 per cent over the next five years."

Smith & Nephew is in talks with other buying groups in the US and Mr Robinson expects further deals to be struck within the year.

The buying groups are said to favour companies that can supply a broad range of products, which is expected to cause some consolidation in the healthcare sector.

Smith & Nephew has an existing contract for orthopaedic products worth about $35 million a year.

The group reported sales of £949 million in 1993, of which 46 per cent were in North America.

In the first year the new contract should add about 1.5 per cent to group sales.

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Foreign firms in UK pay directors less

BY JON ASHWORTH

DIRECTORS of UK companies get larger pay increases than their UK-based counterparts in foreign-owned companies according to a survey from Hay Management Consultants. They received base salary increases of 7.4 per cent compared with 5.2 per cent for directors of foreign companies. When bonuses were included, the UK directors received a total cash inerease of 11.2 per cent in the year to last July.

But the earnings per share for the same companies showed a median 20 per cent rise, with the top quarter increasing earnings by more than 60 per cent. However, the levels of pay still lag significantly behind those awarded in America and Europe.

Directors also continue to receive pay increases substantially ahead of those awarded to employees. The base salary rises for directors were also up on last year's 5.4 per cent. UK employees as a whole saw their base salaries rise by 5 per cent.

More than 11,000 directors earning between £50,000 and £500,000 were canvassed in the survey. Richard Bednarek, director of executive remuneration at Hay, said the increased size of total pay packages reflected higher earnings from bonuses. Mr Bednarek said: "The higher bonus earnings this year are indicative of the strength of the recovery in the UK and are not unexpected at this stage of the economic cycle."

Widespread criticism of the levels of UK company pay has homed in on the privatised utilities. Senior directors of Britain's water and electricity companies saw their pay packages leap by as much as 106 per cent in the transition from public to private hands. The oil, insurance and retail sectors are the best paid, awarding salaries of up to 16 per cent above average. Engineering is the worst paid.

The survey found 97 per cent of UK listed companies have at least non-executive directors on the board, in line with the recommendations of the Cadbury committee on corporate governance. Most of the 227 non-executive directors surveyed were paid between £15,000 — £25,000 for an average of 17 days' work per year. Non-executive chairmen typically earn £68,000 for 70 days' work.

Hay forecasts base salary increases of 6 per cent over the coming year. Its findings coincide with a survey by Ernst & Young, which highlights a trend towards paying expatriate workers local rates in the country where they are based instead of "home country" packages. Almost half of the 427 companies surveyed expect more of their "expat" workers to accept host-country wage contracts.

St James's hit by volatility

The net asset value of St James's Place Capital, the financial services group run by Lord Rothschild and Sir Mark Weinberg, fell by 2.5 per cent, to 84.1p per share, or £230 million, in its first half, to September 30, hit by volatility in world stock markets.

Pre-tax profits rose from £14.1 million to £16.5 million. Life assurance's profits rose from £700,000 to £3.4 million, and investment management's from £2.8 million to £4.4 million.

A 1.5p interim dividend is due on December 29.

Hydro float

Hydro International, a specialist engineer, will be capitalised at £10.5 million after flotation via a placing by Allied Provincial Securities at 80p a share. Hydro had £156,000 pre-tax profits in 1993 on £4.08 million turnover. Dealings are expected on November 30.

Engineer wins

A & B Air Systems, a four-employee engineering firm set up with a £3,000 family loan, has won the Parcelforce Small Business Award. It has trebled turnover since its formation, in Wrexham, Clwyd, two years ago.

RAP placing

RAP Group, distributor of rubber and plastic products, will be capitalised at £17 million after a flotation placing by Williams de Broe.

Powerful 27% payout from PowerGen

BY ROSS TIEMAN, INDUSTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

THE biggest surge in power demand for a decade helped PowerGen to lift profits by 9 per cent to £118 million during the first half.

Consumption of electricity in England and Wales rose 3 per cent year on year, PowerGen said, mainly because of increased use by manufacturers stepping up output. Together with delays in commissioning new plant built by independent generators, that slowed the decline in PowerGen's market share.

Britain's second-biggest private sector group has been obliged by the regulator, Professor Stephen Littlechild, to stand aside while newcomers elbow their way into the market.

Its market share has slipped to 24.5 per cent from more than 26 per cent a year ago. National Power, its big sister, is estimated to have seen its share shrink from 33.5 per cent to 31.5 per cent.

The winners have been Nuclear Electric, the state-owned atomic producer, up from 24.9 per cent to 25.2; imports from Scotland and France, up from 8.3 per cent to almost 9.3 per cent; and independent generators, who lifted their share from 6.6 per cent to 9 per cent.

The profit improvement at PowerGen flies in the face of a 10.2 per cent slump in sales, to £1.14 billion. Margins continue to benefit from efficiency gains, although restructuring is nearly over and employee numbers fell by only 200, to 4,185, in the half to October 2.

However, the level of capital investment has also fallen from £400 million a year to little more than £100 million as the company's programme of replacing older coal-fired plants with gas nears completion.

Shareholders are being rewarded through a re-balancing of the dividend payments, which had become heavily weighted towards the second half. The board is recommending a 27 per cent rise in the interim dividend, to 5p, payable on December 20.

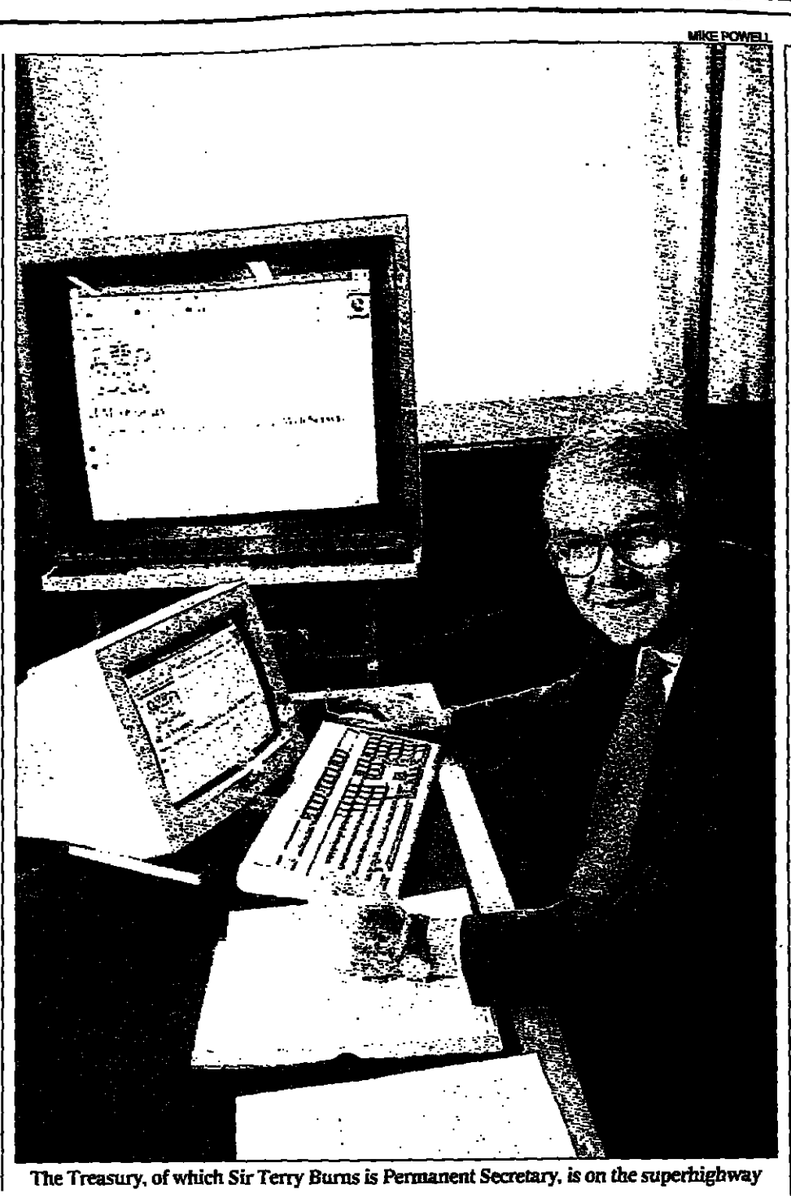
Preparations remain on course for the sale of the Government's remaining 40 per cent stake in PowerGen and National Power through a public offer in February.

With gearing at just 18 per cent and regulatory pressure to cut United Kingdom market share, PowerGen is looking elsewhere for growth. In Britain, Kinetica, the natural gas joint venture with Conoco, is going well.

Outline agreement has also been reached to join consortiums building electricity plants in Germany, Portugal, Hungary, India (two) and Indonesia.

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MIKE POWELL



The Treasury, of which Sir Terry Burns is Permanent Secretary, is on the superhighway

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Financial advisers' jobs 'under threat'

MORE than 1,000 independent financial advisers (IFAs) could be forced out of business as a result of the continuing uncertainty over the costs involved in compensating investors who were missold personal pensions. The warning came in a letter from Garry Heath, chief executive of the IFA Association, to Colette Bowe, chief executive of the Personal Investment Authority, the regulator charged with overseeing compensation arrangements.

Mr Heath said: "The current recipe of regulatory imposition, continuing uncertainty over compensation and the potentially unmanageable costs of pension transfer cases is destined to put IFAs out of business." Mr Heath called on the PIA to announce, without delay, how the pension compensation payments will be split between IFAs and the life companies. The pensions industry faces a bill of up to £2 billion for misselling personal pensions. The PIA is talking to various trade bodies about the guidance given by the SIB and expects to issue its own guidance by the end of the year.

Ushers to seek listing

USHERS, the regional brewer, is to seek a stock market listing via a placing and offer through NatWest Markets. The price of its shares will be announced on December 1 with first dealings on December 15. The company is expected to be capitalised at about £100 million. Ushers is the largest independent brewer in southwest England, serving 466 tied pubs from its base in Trowbridge, Wiltshire. It was owned by Courage until a £76 million management buy-in in 1991. Yesterday, Ushers reported £10.44 million pre-tax profit for the year to October 31 (£7.8 million).

Sedgwick advances

SEDGWICK, one of the two largest insurance brokers in the UK, lifted pre-tax profits 19 per cent to £78.7 million in the nine months to September 30, despite a 20 per cent leap in expenses to £608.5 million (£507.2 million), mostly due to acquisitions. Including acquisitions, brokerage and fees rose 20 per cent from £551.2 million to £663.3 million. Interest and investment income dropped from £33.2 million to £30.9 million. Earnings per share rose from 8.8p to 9.1p. Sax Riley, chief executive, said the impact of the SIB report on pension transfer was not expected to have any material effect on group profit.

Yorkshire back in black

YORKSHIRE-TYNE TEES has returned to the black in the first half and, while there is no interim dividend, it hinted that it would resume payments in the current year. The group made pre-tax profits of £4.7 million in the six months to September 30, giving a 12-month profit of £111,000 after last year's £7.9 million loss. The loss, caused by mismanagement of advertising air sales, led to the departure of Clive Leach from the post of chairman. Ward Thomas, his successor, said the group's share of ITV advertising revenue was now just over 10 per cent, compared with 11.2 per cent two years ago.

Volvo speeds to £1.1bn

VOLVO, the Swedish car and truckmaker whose shareholders last year forced it to drop a merger with Renault, has reported the biggest profit ever for a company in Sweden. Pre-tax profits in the first nine months this year grew 12-fold to 12.71 billion kronor (£1.1 billion) on a 30 per cent rise in sales to Kr112 billion. Trucks showed the strongest performance and boosted their share of the European heavy truck market to 15.5 per cent (12 per cent). Group operating profits jumped almost 15-fold. Volvo is selling an 8 per cent stake in Renault and regaining control of Volvo Truck.

MMC power inquiry

OFFER, the electricity regulator, has set the outline for the inquiry into Scottish Monopolies and Mergers Commission referral came after the Hydro-Electric's price controls. The reference, set in September. group refused to accept Offer's price limits. Offer, has asked the Stephen Littlechild, director-general of Offer, price controls MMC to investigate distribution and supply transfers revenue and the hydro-benefit provision, which transmission. The from generation to distribution and transmonths. Scottish report must be completed within six months. Hydro-Electric is happy with the terms of reference.

CE Heath holds payout

CE HEATH, the insurance broker, is holding its interim dividend at 5p in spite of a slump in profits, from £11.6 million to £6.4 million, in the half year to September 30. The fall had been expected by the City and analysts were cheered by the hope that the company's recent problems are over. The shares rose 13p, to 232p. The dividend, due on January 5, is from earnings per share of 5.9p, down from 10.9p. The fall in pre-tax profits was partly due to a £4.8 million fall in the contribution of HIH, the Australian underwriter in which Heath cut its holding from 46 per cent to 23 per cent.

Great Portland boost

PROFITS at Great Portland Estates, the property group, rose by just over a third to £21.4 million in the six months to September 30, and shareholders are to receive a 7 per cent rise in the interim dividend to 2.9p. Richard Peskin, chairman, forecasts earnings to be broadly similar in the second half and is hoping to pay a 5.85p final, making 8.75p, a 9 per cent increase on the previous year. Great Portland spent £105 million acquiring property in the first half and gross rents were up almost £5 million to £45.7 million.

Trade blow for EC

THE European Court of Justice has struck a legal blow to EC attempts to secure wider negotiating powers in the planned World Trade Organisation (WTO). The ruling yesterday, expected to clear the way for the European Union (EU) to ratify the Uruguay Round treaty on world trade, rejected the view that Brussels should also have sole responsibility for bargaining in areas other than goods. The decision confirmed the right of EU states to take part in talks on services and intellectual property, areas to be policed by the WTO.

Electronic age dawns at the Treasury

BY MICHAEL DYNES
WHITEHALL CORRESPONDENT

THE Treasury joined the information superhighway yesterday amid fears that officials will be inundated with electronic junk mail from around the globe.

The new service, which is available through the Internet, will give anyone with a computer and a modem access to a wide range of Treasury publications, press releases, and archive material.

Electronic requests for technical information on how to access the service will be answered. However, comments and criticisms of the Government's economic policies will be ignored, one Whitehall source said.

"If you are trying to point out to the Chancellor the error of his ways, you will not get a reply," he added. After the Whitehouse joined the Internet in June last year, a large number of staff had to be appointed to answer the President's electronic mail.

Treasury officials insist that the system is completely secure, and that computer hackers "will not be able to obtain unauthorised access to the Treasury's files".

Sir Terry Burns, the Treasury Permanent Secretary, said Treasury watchers will be able to obtain ministers' speeches, minutes of the Chancellor's monthly meetings with the Governor of the Bank of England and reports of the Panel of Independent Forecasters, as well as the Budget statement.

The Treasury Internet Service is connected to the Internet through PIPEX, which can be contacted on +44 (0) 223 250120. Technical inquiries from John Wailing on +44 (0) 171 270 5347.

Unit trusts

Technical problems at our supplier of unit trust and share price statistics prevented publication of these in early editions yesterday. We apologise for the omission.

Gloomy predictions delay BrightReasons flotation

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

MICHAEL Guthrie's return to the stock market has been put on hold. BrightReasons Group, his branded restaurant company, which operates Pizzaland, Bella Pasta and Pizza Piazza outlets, has postponed flotation plans until next year.

The group said in September that it intended to float in the autumn and was expected to be capitalised at between £60 million and £80 million. However, the company undertook its pre-marketing and found that the price it could get was "considerably less than anticipated".

The company, founded by Mr Guthrie, the former chief executive of Mecca Leisure, had planned to raise new money to eliminate debt of £14 million and preference shares. A pathfinder prospectus had been expected very soon.

However, the company has decided to delay its flotaion until next year after a meeting this week between shareholders and advisers, including UBS, the broker, and Samuel Montagu, sponsor.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.22	2.05
Austria Sch	16.22	16.72
Belgium Fr	53.56	48.16
Canada $	2.284	2.104
Cyprus Cypf	0.783	0.733
Denmark Kr	10.17	9.57
Finland Mkk	8.02	7.32
France Fr	8.91	8.21
Germany Dm	2.50	2.30
Greece Dr	398.00	378.00
Hong Kong $	12.91	11.91
Ireland Pt	1.07	0.99
Italy Lire	2615.00	2460.00
Japan Yen	170.00	154.00
Malta	0.618	0.563
Netherlds Gld	2.885	2.655
Norway Kr	11.29	10.49
Portugal Esc	261.00	242.50
S Africa Rd	ref.	6.32
Spain Pta	213.00	197.00
Sweden Kr	12.16	11.36
Switzerland Fr	2.19	2.01
Turkey Lira	refer	58563.0
USA $	1.585	1.555

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

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CONTINUED EARNINGS GROWTH

9-MONTHS' RESULTS

	9 Months to 30.9.94 Estimated £m	9 Months to 30.9.93 Estimated £m
General Premiums	3,185.4	3,142.4
Life Premiums	653.6	607.0
Net Investment Income	338.1	352.8
Underwriting Result	(46.4)	(171.6)
Profit before Taxation	321.6	206.5
Profit attributable to Ordinary Shareholders	235.4	160.8
Earnings per Ordinary Share	52.1p	35.7p

- Pre-tax profit for the nine months of £321.6m follows a profit in the third quarter of £119.2m
- UK underwriting profit of £158.1m (1993: £27.7m)
- Improved performance in the United States
- Results in Canada reflect the impact of storm losses in the first quarter and additional reserve strengthening
- Good performance in the Pacific, with excellent results from New Zealand and Asia
- Strong improvement continues in Europe
- Further progress in Life operations with very encouraging new business production in the UK

Nelson Robertson, Group Chief Executive, commented:
"We achieved a further substantial improvement in our worldwide underwriting result in the third quarter and remain confident that an acceptable underwriting performance will be maintained."

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☐ £500 million buyback makes sense of drugs deal ☐ Challenge for the Chancellor ☐ MacLaurin regains control

Booting the critics

☐ FOR a company often thought clumsy, Boots looked pretty smart yesterday. Its £500 million raid on its own shares, as advised by *Tempus* yesterday, answers immediate City scepticism over the sale of its pharmaceutical business. This centred on what it could do with the money to make good an immediate loss of earnings of up to 6.5 per cent. Yet Boots insists that buying in nearly a tenth of its share capital was a quite separate exercise, designed to start making its capital structure more tax efficient. By doing so, it can deflect the alternative criticism that it was downsizing *faute de mieux*, selling pharmaceuticals without having anything better to invest in.

The net result of the two exercises is that earnings per share may immediately fall by only one or two per cent, while future long-term growth from Boots the Chemist will come through more strongly to the bottom line. That is partly because Warburg earned its munificent payday by buying back the Boots shares quickly and efficiently.

Having announced the intention, Warburg built a book and did the £500 million deed in about two hours. Fortunately, in this context, there were plenty of institutions with capital losses on Boots shares. So Warburg did not need to rely on pension funds that might hope to claim back tax on what is classed as a distribution. Result: the book was heavily oversubscribed and the price could be scaled back to 528p, less than 3 per cent above the overnight price before the buyback announcement. In this instance, private shareholders should not feel they were treated as second-class citizens. They should end up better off than under a cash distribution.

Boots the Chemist is a strong cash generator. In this case, therefore, the aim of having a little debt in the balance sheet looks a sensible way to cut the average cost of capital. But that will not happen unless the group expands quite strongly elsewhere. If the sale to BASF goes through, Boots will still have more than £500 million of cash.

The main Boots retail chain can expand from its own cash flow. Some of the extra money may be used to buy more property sites as reversions fall due. But that leaves plenty of scope to expand elsewhere. The favourites are the own-label manufacturing and over-the-counter medicines businesses, and the motor-related Halfords chain, now a bright spot.

Boots reckons there is plenty of room to expand own-label manufacturing of anything from aspirin to cosmetics for third-party customers. That looks right both in Britain, where supermarkets see this as one of their best potential sectors, and on the Continent. Acquisitions of over-the-counter treatments will need to be gradual if they are not to prove expensive. Certainly, Boots' management will be well aware that, after Ward White, it is not trusted to make another leap of diversification.



Put an end to top-pay bore

☐ ANOTHER day, another embarrassment over boardroom pay. On Monday night, the Prime Minister strayed from his brief to tell the Lord Mayor's banquet that the public was fed up with "large and often unjustified pay rises". Yesterday, yet another survey provided the evidence and predicted it would continue. The survey by Hay Management Consultants, better focused on the offending group than most, found that the total pay package of main board directors grew by an average 11.2 per cent in the year to July. Even allowing for success bonuses geared to recovery, base salaries rose by an average 7.4 per cent, well ahead of the average employee. Hay forecasts a further 6 per cent rise in salaries in the coming year, which would have Eddie George chewing the carpet if translated to the workforce.

The Hay figures chime with an endless litany from other surveys. The Prime Minister's warning was so predictable that it attracted little notice. Last week, similar exhortations for boardroom restraint, for top managers to set a good example, echoed round the CBI's annual conference in Birmingham — though not many came from the floor. Yet nothing happens. Directors are human beings. They have the power to set their own, or at least each other's, pay. So naturally they abuse it.

The endless surveys, the endless warnings and the endless sniping from those not allowed on the gravy train have become equally tedious. Either we should come to accept that it is somehow good for the economy for directors to feather their own nests or politicians should do something about it.

Kenneth Clarke has the ideal opportunity in his Budget. Indeed, he could use the opportunity to kill two birds with one stone. If the Chancellor imposed a new 50 per cent top rate of income tax, say on earnings above £100,000 a year, his merciless persecution would please many middle-income voters. The proceeds might also pay for modest tax cuts further down the range, say by extending the 20 per cent income tax band further, a prime medium-term objective. If he is not going to act, it would be more politically astute for ministers to shut up about boardroom pay and stop simply handing votes to Labour.

Chain reaction boosts Tesco

☐ IT WOULD appear that City analysts and fund managers are responding positively to a few behind-the-scenes vibes emanating from Tesco: witness the recent strength of the share price.

Last summer's £247 million acquisition of William Low, the Dundee supermarket chain, has been well received. The capture of Low's 57 outlets was seen as Tesco's gain and Sainsbury's loss. Tesco's purchasing muscle has inevitably been brought to bear. The more subtle juggling act of retaining Low's Scottish flavour has brought applause.

The 8 per cent rise in Tesco's mid-year pre-tax profits to £250.2 million on the back of an 11.8 per cent increase in turnover to £4.47 billion were at the top of City forecasts — the headline feature being a 3.9 per cent rise in like-for-like sales. Operating margins shaded from 6.1 per cent to 6 per cent, serving to underline chairman Sir Ian MacLaurin's argument that last year's margin decline reflected a "step change", rather than a "downward spiral."

UBS, which happens to be Tesco's stockbroker, predicts £585 million pre-tax, up from £528.4 million, for the year to end-March with £655 million for 1995-96. Last month's "buy" recommendation from UBS, when the shares stood at 233p, looked perspicacious by yesterday as a 5p gain took the price to 251½p, virtually the year's peak. That is 13 times projected 1994-95 earnings of 19.3p per share, falling to 11.9 for 1995-96.

The perception is that MacLaurin has successfully refocused Tesco's pricing, range, format, service and marketing: witness the new association with Richard Branson's Virgin cola. As UBS's Andrew Fowler puts it: "To think that Tesco are doing things that their competitors cannot do would be unrealistic but they do appear to be ahead of the game." MacLaurin's softly, softly approach to overseas expansion is also going down well. There are no indications of a multi-billion pound foray into the US. Music to the ears of risk averse fund managers.

BOC hit by patent loss on Forane

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

FULL-YEAR profits at BOC Group were deflated by one-off restructuring costs and generic competition for its Forane anaesthetic, though the industrial gases and healthcare group is relatively optimistic on prospects.

BOC's operating profits before one-off items rose 5 per cent to £435.4 million in the year to September 30, as the fourth quarter enjoyed a 21 per cent year-on-year improvement. But restructuring costs of £85 million and £16.6 million of disposal losses saw pre-tax profits fall to £253.1 million (£337.6 million), on turnover up 8 per cent at £3.48 billion.

Pat Dyer, BOC chief executive, said: "All parts of the group except our pharmaceutical business achieved an improved trading performance, although the trading conditions faced by our businesses were markedly different."

Profits from industrial gases and related products saw steady recovery, expanding 9 per cent to £331.9 million (£304.6 million), on sales ahead 8 per cent to £2.58 billion, as economic conditions improved in most main markets and the benefits of restructuring came through. Margins improved to 13.9 per cent (12.3 per cent), having touched a high of 14 per cent in the second quarter.

BOC's three-year restructuring produced cost savings of £20 million this year. Mr Dyer said the total annual saving is expected to rise to nearer £60 million within a couple of years.

But healthcare profits fell to £54.6 million (£86.2 million) as the medical division was hit by full effects of the loss of patent protection for Forane, the anaesthetic that lost its US patent this year and saw generic rivals capture much of its market share. Suprane, Forane's more expensive replacement which enjoys a smaller profit margin as it is also expensive to produce, is "doing well" and is gradually gaining market share, with about 35 per cent by value at the moment. The remaining 65 per cent share of the market is split between BOC's Forane and a product from Abbott of the US.

The shortfall was partly offset by a sharply improved performance from the medical products division, while profits from vacuum technology and distribution services advanced by over 50 per cent to £51 million, on turnover up 20 per cent to £435 million.

EPS after exceptionals fell to 23.82p (42.97p), though the full dividend for 1994-95 rises 7 per cent to 24.8p (23.2p). The shares added 10p to 720p.



Dyer: "improved trading"

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Exceptional factors lift De La Rue

BY OUR CITY STAFF

DE LA RUE, the banknote printer and member of the Camelot consortium running the National Lottery, beat City expectations with a 29 per cent rise in interim profits.

- Profits before tax and exceptional items rose from £66.1 million to £72.8 million in the half year to September 30. The shares jumped 31p, to £10.34, a high for the year.
- The dividend, due on January 27, rises by 1p, to 7p, from earnings per share of 27.8p. Jeremy Marshall, chief executive, said that the 32 per cent rise in earnings per share would not be repeated in the second half because the first half had benefited from "atypical factors", including significant improvement in results of associated companies and a cut in the group tax rate.
- However, the group expects second-half earnings to be at least as high as in the comparable period last year.
- Ongoing security printing activities lifted profits by £6.3 million, to £31.2 million, on sales up by £40.3 million, at £130.2 million.

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Rise at GA fails to please City

BY SARAH BAGNALL

GENERAL Accident, the composite insurer, failed to please the City yesterday in spite of a leap in pre-tax profits, from £206.5 million to a record £321.6 million, in the nine months to September 30.

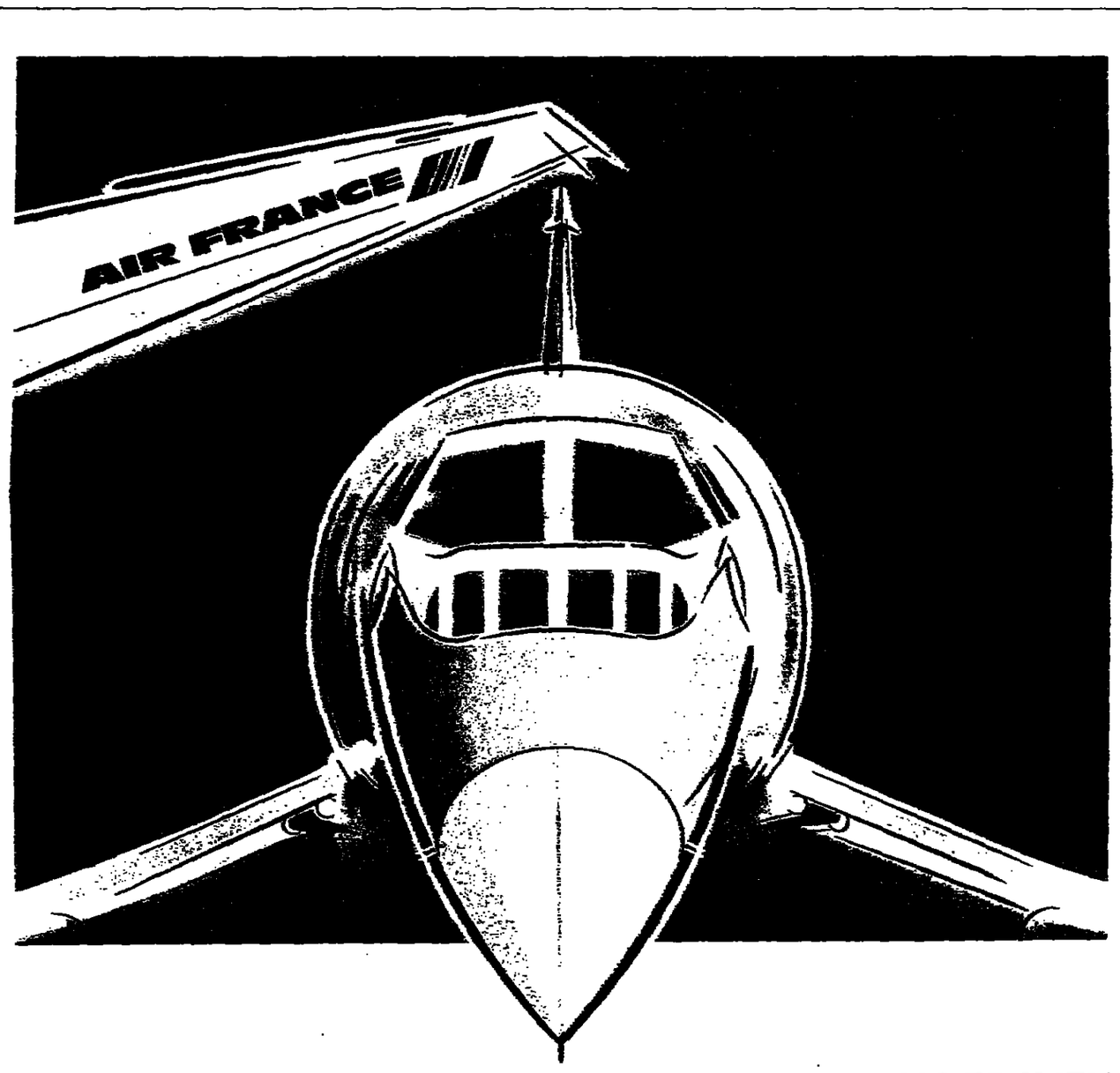
The rise in profits was accompanied by a further fall in the solvency margin, from 65 per cent at the end of 1993 to 51 per cent on November 11. The shares fell 19p to 565p.

Profits were helped by a strong underwriting performance in the United Kingdom and the Pacific region, coupled with reduced losses in the rest of Europe and in the United States.

The group managed to reduce worldwide underwriting losses, from £171.6 million to £46.4 million, an improvement that was fuelled by an increase in UK underwriting profits, from £27.7 million to £158.1 million.

Life profits rose from £30.9 million to £37 million, while investment income fell by £17.9 million to £348 million. Estate agency losses grew by £1.5 million to £7.1 million.

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STOCK MARKET  MICHAEL CLARK

Investor confidence puts shares back above 3,100

THERE were signs of a revival in investor confidence on the London stock market as share price surged back above 3,100 after enjoying one of the best trading sessions for some months.

As traders waited anxiously for the outcome of yesterday's meeting of the Federal Open Markets Committee to decide whether to raise US interest rates, investors took their lead from Wall Street's positive performance overnight.

A futures-inspired rally saw prices enjoy an early mark-up, with the momentum gathering pace as the morning wore on. Sentiment was enhanced by the latest survey from the CBI indicating a slowdown in retail sales which takes off some of the pressure for a rise in interest rates. A spate of positive results from leading companies also bolstered sentiment and was underpinned by a substantial buy program carried out by Goldman Sachs, the US securities house.

Another positive start to trading on Wall Street enabled the FT-SE 100 index to finish just below its best of the day with a rise of 40.1 to 3,135.4. Last night brokers were claiming that a half-point rise in US interest rates was likely to drive share prices lower, while an increase of a full point would be seen as a positive move and lift the market.

In one of the slickest deals of the year Warburg Securities, the broker, snapped up a staggering 96.13 million shares in **Boots** the chemist in record time as part of the group's buy-back programme. The speed with which the deal was executed caught the market on the hop and lifted Boots share price 12p to 525p. Boots paid prices ranging from 528p to 535p for its shares just hours after confirming that it intended to spend £500 million on the operation. By the close of business last night a total of 207.6 million Boots shares had changed hands, equivalent to almost a quarter of total stock market turnover of 869 million. Rival brokers claim Warburg Securities could have earned up to £2 million from executing the Boots transaction in fees and commission. But this made little impression on the price of its parent company **SG Warburg**, which eased 2p to 642p.

The spotlight was focused on other companies with the cash resources to buy back their own shares. **Great Universal Stores** is one company which falls into this category with an estimated £900 million on deposit. The shares responded with a rise of 17p at 571p.

Smith New Court, the broker, also expanded stock market turnover by executing a bought deal in shares of **Hammerson**, the property developer, down 5p at 341p. It paid 330p a share for the Australian group AMP Asset Management's 3.2 per cent stake in Hammerson. Most of the 9 million shares were then placed with institutions at 333p. By the close of business a total of 17.65 million Hammerson shares had changed hands. Earlier this year AMP bought a number of Australian properties valued at several million pounds from Hammerson and continues to hold 3.2 per cent of the shares.

De La Rue, where Jeremy Marshall is chief executive, celebrated better than expected half-year figures with a jump of 31p to £10.34. Record demand for banknotes, especially from east European countries, hoisted pre-tax profits almost 30 per cent to £72.8 million — way above City forecasts. The group's performance immediately prompted two brokers, Warburg Securities and James Capel, to upgrade their profit estimates for the full year.

BOC Group enjoyed a mark-up of 10p to 720p after reporting a 5 per cent increase in underlying pre-tax profits to £354.7 million last year. The figure was struck after reorganisation costs of £85 million and disposal losses of £16.6 million. It was a better performance than the market had envisaged and Strauss Turnbull, the broker, was last night urging clients to buy the shares.

A near-30 per cent rise in the interim dividend was good news for shareholders of **PowerGen**, up 9p at 560p. The move came as the group reported a rise in half-year pre-tax profits from £108 million to £118 million, with lower costs, increased efficiency and a 3 per cent rise in national demand offsetting a drop in market share of 1½ per cent to 24½ per cent.

Record third quarter profits failed to do much for **General Accident** which finished 19p lower at 565p. A strong performance from its UK underwriting arm and reduced losses in the US and Europe raised pre-tax profits from £206.5 million to £321.6 million. Meanwhile, third quarter figures from Sedgwick, the insurance broker, left the price unchanged at 147p.

Ramco, the oil exploration group, jumped 35p to 255p after the Afghan government ratified the development of three leading oilfields in the Caspian Sea. The oilfields are to be developed by SOCAR, the state owned oil company, and a consortium of oil companies including BP, with a 17 per cent stake in the venture and Ramco with 2.1 per cent. **BP** shares also climbed 9p to 427½p.

□ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts benefited from a firmer dollar and US Treasury bonds to score useful gains. But investors wre happy to bide their time awaiting a decision from the FOMC and news of today's welter of economic data. The December series of the Long Gilt future advanced £5/16 to end the session at £102 1/32 as 42,000 contracts were completed.

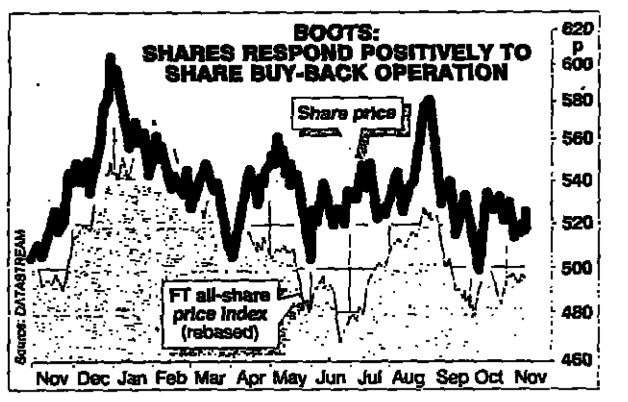
In the cash market, the Bank of England was able to exhaust remaining supplies of the tap, Treasury 8¾ per cent 2017. In longs, benchmark Treasury 9 per cent 2012 climbed £7/16 to £104⅛, while at the shorter end, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 was seven ticks firmer at £103 19/32.

□ **NEW YORK:** Shares extended their rally into midday, in anticipation of the Fed raising rates yesterday. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 17.49 at 3,847.22.



Jeremy Marshall, of De La Rue, had half-year profits of note

BROKERS reported heavy turnover in shares of BTR, with the price climbing 6p to 311p as hopes grew that the long-awaited rally may be underway. By close of business, 27.4 million shares had changed hands. This included an agency cross of 4.6 million shares by James Capel, the broker, at about 305p.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3847.22 (+17.49)
S&P Composite .... 467.78 (+1.74)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 19391.68 (+130.23)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9565.66 (+186.74)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 412.21 (+3.29)

Sydney:
AO .... 1941.4 (+14.6)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2110.75 (+21.46)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2341.18 (+14.24)

Brussels:
General .... 7208.67 (+25.39)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1954.53 (+13.45)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 659.20 (-0.80)

London:

FT 30	2408.4 (+28.7)
FT 100	3135.4 (+40.1)
FT-SE Mid 250	3560.7 (+22.6)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1354.70 (+7.07)
FT A All-Share	1553.90 (+16.59)
FT Non Financials	1675.48 (+18.17)
FT Gold Mines	257.8 (+0.4)
FT Fixed Interest	107.92 (+0.26)
FT Govt Secs	91.83 (+0.61)
Bargains	25581
SEAQ Volume	869.8m
USM (Datastrm)	155.15 (+0.62)
US$	1.5830 (-0.0018)
German Mark	2.4468 (-0.0025)
Exchange Index	80.1 (-0.1)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2788
£:SDR	1.0823
RPI	145.0 Sep (2.2%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

APTA Health Wts	6	...
Abtrust Latin Am	86	...
Abtrust Latin Wts	52	-1
Adare Prntg	186	...
BZW Commodities (100)	88	...
BZW Commodities Wts	39	...
Calluna	96	+5
Churchill China (280)	285	...
Ennemix (63)	66	...
Filtronic Comtek	151	+4
Games Workshop (115)	112	...
Group Dv Cap Wts	23	...
Hambros Sml Asian	56	...
Hambros Smlr As Wts	27	...
H Govt 1000 Index (100)	101	...
INVESCO Korea C	99	...
Irish Permanent (180)	216	...
Prolific Inc A/L	486	-1
Servisair (135)	145	...
TLG (115)	126	+2
Tele-Cine Cell (170)	170	...
Whitchurch	60	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Bullers n/p (20)	1	...
Kenwood App n/p (310)	19	-6
Martin Int n/p (27)	3	...
Matthew Clark n/p (500)	21	+3
Novo n/p (26)	¼	...
Pressac n/p (85)	13	...
Union Square n/p (5)	½	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Standard Chart	297p (+10p)
Scot & Newcastle	513p (+11p)
BOC	720p (+10p)
Laporte	727p (+10p)
Adam & Harvey	568p (+20p)
CE Heath	232p (+13p)
Airtours	438p (+18p)
Carlton Comm	890p (+15p)
Reed Int	787p (+14p)
London Clubs	275p (+10p)

FALLS:

Pressac	98p (-10p)
Racal Elect	235½p (-11½p)
General Accident	565p (-19p)

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BOC's anaesthetic

BOC is an exotic bird in one respect: every year, it forecasts its dividend for the forthcoming period. Yesterday, the gases group pleased the market with promises of a healthy 7 per cent boost to the payout. The rise was welcome after last year's freeze in the distribution rate. The shares responded accordingly but there is still no sign that the company is prepared to sell its underperforming pharmaceuticals investment.

Generic competition has led to a fall in the price of Forane, BOC's anaesthetic agent, from $94 to $60 and a severe loss of market share. Suprane, the replacement, is making up part of the gap but it is a higher cost, lower margin product and unlikely to ever fully replace the moneyspinner that was Forane. Research-based pharmaceuticals are an anomaly in BOC's solid service-driven gas supply business. High-margin, high-risk drugs may appear to add lustre to BOC, but in practice, the healthcare business is too small to make a big difference and it merely dilutes the quality of BOC's long-term earnings.

BOC's core gas business is beginning to see recovery in demand but growth in profits last year came largely from cost-cutting, with few gains from price increases, which should come through next year. Supplying gas to industry is a volume rather than price-sensitive business; having a defensive character in the recession, it will gain less in recovery than the big commodity chemical producers. BOC shares are trading at about market rating, assuming profits of £410 million in the current year. That leaves little to go for, unless the management takes a cue from Boots, but the spark has yet to ignite the gas at BOC.

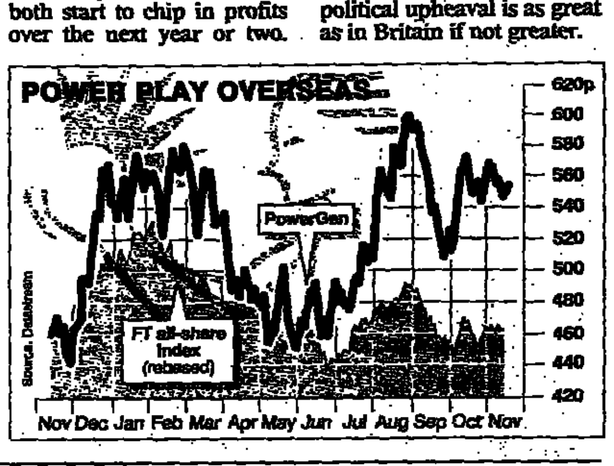
PowerGen

SHAREHOLDERS have done very nicely from National Power and PowerGen, brought to the market in the shadow of the Gulf War as a package of dull utilities at 175p a share.

When the Government's remaining 40 per cent interest is sold in February it will be marketing a different breed of investment and investors would do well to consider the changes wrought by the regulator and a cost-cutting management. PowerGen is no longer a staid utility of uncertain prospects. Its core electricity generation business in the UK is highly profitable but with the financial benefits of restructuring largely achieved the scope for margin improvement is limited. The company has an effective regulatory ceiling on its market share of 25 per cent and with competition looming large, profit growth here promises to be less exciting.

Growth must come elsewhere: from Kinetica, the natural gas joint venture with Conoco, and the slow-to-develop field of combined heat and power: these should both start to chip in profits over the next year or two.

To maintain momentum in earnings per share, PowerGen must exploit its expertise overseas. Two projects are already signed up and more are being explored: in central Europe, Asia, Australasia and Latin America. PowerGen has been cautious but the risk of regulatory and political upheaval is as great as in Britain if not greater.



General Accident

GENERAL Accident's shares have been sitting happily at a tidy premium to net asset value for months. Like Humpty Dumpty they were ready for a fall.

Investors' have been gazing fixedly on pre-tax profits and their steady rise — yesterday GA revealed record nine month profits of £321 million, up 56 per cent.

But the figures highlighted the gaping divide between net assets and the share price. Since the end of 1993 net worth per share has slipped from 545p to 410p. The shares responded by falling 19p to 565p.

The fall reflects the group's high proportion of US dollar denominated assets — far more than its rivals Commercial Union and Royal Insurance. CU and Royal both recently announced quarter on quarter rises in NAVs, compared to GA's fall. While not directly comparable — GA figures run up to November 11 while the others reported to September 30 — the difference hit GA hard as the US dollar slumped in the run up to the US elections.

Net assets were hit further by a £163 million unrealised investment loss. The three insurers are now making broadly similar profits but from a balance sheet view GA's premium looks set to erode further.

De La Rue

DE LA RUE played down the significance of the National Lottery yesterday. Its launch coincided with a set of results for the security printer that looked as attractive as a jackpot. Some analysts have factored in £10 million or more for De La Rue's earnings in 1996 from its stake in Camelot, a return that might prove a touch embarrassing for the Government.

The reality could well be more prosaic — the lottery tickets are not high-tech in De La Rue terms and a normal 15 per cent return on the company's £11 million investment would yield less than £2 million per annum.

De La Rue's big winnings are coming from further afield. The rash of new republics are proving a continuous source of growth in banknote printing as they graduate from a cheap and cheerful product to more sophisticated printing. Meanwhile the company is profiting from the growth in electronic money transfer and the increase in banking automation as De La Rue's machines replace a million bank clerks' thumbs.

At current prices, the shares are expensive at 17.9 times prospective earnings. Looking further out, with increasing demands for smart cards, passports and other forgery-proof documents, De La Rue is in the right business in a very insecure world. All in all, a much better bet than the National Lottery.

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	956-955	Mar	1050 SLR
Mar	981-980	May	1059-1055
May	989-988	Jul	1065 BID
Jul	1002-1001	Sep	1080 BID
Sep	1015-1014		
Dec	1030-1029		Volume 6017

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	3330-3320	Jul	3295-3285
Jan	3350-3348	Sep	3275-3265
Mar	3322-3320	Nov	3265-3260
May	3305-3300		Volume 6025

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	369.7-67.9
Spot 387.0		Oct	341.7-40.9
Dec	387.5-82.4	Dec	340.7-37.8
Mar	393.5-82.4	Mar	341.2-39.3
May	377.9-76.8		Volume 4412

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on November 14

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	77.12	102.25	116.79
(+/-)	+0.58	+1.34	+0.26
Eng/Wales	77.22	102.22	116.34
(+/-)	+0.56	+1.85	+0.09
(%)	+2.0	+1.0	+5.0
Scotland	74.48	102.35	121.74
(+/-)	+1.74	-0.37	+2.29
(%)	+17.0	-19.0	+5.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	16.95	-0.20
Brent 15 day (Dec)	17.40	(n/c)
Brent 15 day (Jan)	16.65	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.55	-0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Jan)	17.60	-0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 172 (n/c)	O: 174 (n/c)
Gasoil EEC	152 (-3)	154 (-3)
Non EEC IH Dec	153 (-4)	155 (-4)
Non EEC IH Jan	155 (-1)	157 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	103 (-1)	105 (-1)
Naphtha	170 (n/c)	172 (n/c)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Dec	151.25-51.50	Mar	154.00-54.25
Jan	153.25-53.50	Apr	152.50-52.75
Feb	154.25-54.50		Vol: 13630

BRENT (6.00pm)

Dec	17.38-17.39	Mar	16.34-16.36
Jan	16.66-16.68	Apr	16.30 SLR
Feb	16.49-16.51		Vol: 46119

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	103.95	Nov	100.00
Jan	104.65	Jan	102.25
Mar	106.55	Mar	104.25
May	108.65	May	105.00
Jul	110.25	Sep	92.00
Volume: 329		Volume: 0	

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	unq
Apr	246.0	252.5
May	250.0	265.0
		Volume: 327

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Dec ... 31.25-61.75

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Nov 94	1560	1553	1553
Dec 94	1505	1500	1500
Jan 95	1715	1705	1715
Apr 95	1655	1650	1656
Vol: 69 lots		Open interest: 2781	

Index 1530 same

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Official) (Volume prev day) Rudolf Wolff

	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2795.0-2800.0	2760.0-2761.0	401 6025
Lead ($/tonne)	672.00-673.00	690.0-690.50	325625
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1175.0-1176.0	1200.0-1201.0	695400
Tin ($/tonne)	6290.0-6300.0	6395.0-6400.0	27045
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1872.0-1873.0	1958.5-1959.0	3203650
Nickel ($/tonne)	7655.0-7657.0	7790.0-7795.0	21072

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Jan	Apr	Jul	Puts Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Dom	500	23	35	45	17	25	30
(*509)	550	6	17	23	51	55	60
Argyll	260	15	23	31	7	13	18
(*271)	280	5	15	21	18	23	27
ASDA	60	8	10	11	1	3	4
(*66)	70	2	5	6	6	8	9
Boots	500	29	40	50	5	12	19
(*524)	550	11	22	31	33	36	43
Br Airways	360	22	33	42	11	17	23
(*373)	390	9	21	27	26	33	41
BP	420	20	31	39	10	14	23
(*427)	460	5	13	22	35	41	45
Br Steel	140	17	22	24	2	4	6
(*154)	160	5	12	14	10	12	15
C & W	390	19	33	40	6	24	28
(*394)	420	6	20	27	35	41	46
CU	545	27	20	—	16	31	—
(*550)	592	8	16	—	46	63	—
ICI	750	57	69	79	8	25	32
(*790)	800	29	41	52	26	40	56
Kingfisher	460	34	45	51	10	17	20
(*478)	500	13	25	32	29	37	47
Land Sec	600	24	42	48	9	14	25
(*621)	650	7	20	24	39	42	54
M & S	390	28	38	45	5	10	16
(*407)	420	11	21	26	19	25	30
Nat West	500	39	51	59	2	22	28
(*526)	550	11	26	35	31	49	54
Sainsbury	390	35	47	53	5	11	17
(*417)	420	16	29	36	16	23	31
Shell	700	20	41	49	12	29	31
(*712)	750	3	19	26	41	56	60
Smkl Bch	420	21	32	40	15	22	28
(*426)	460	7	16	23	39	45	50
Storehse	200	20	25	27	3	5	8
(*216)	220	7	12	16	11	14	16
Trafalgar	80	9	11	11	3	5	7
(*85)	90	2	5	7	9	11	13
Unilever	1100	51	72	94	16	35	45
(*1132)	1150	25	45	59	40	60	71
Zeneca	951	44	60	71	19	37	44
(*960)	900	21	38	47	45	48	72
BAA	475	32	43	—	5	10	—
(*497)	500	16	28	36	14	20	26
Thames W	460	47	57	65	4	9	17
(*496)	500	20	33	41	16	24	35
Glaxo	600	47	60	74	9	26	36
(*628)	650	21	35	48	33	54	62
HSBC	700	65	82	94	9	28	42
(*747)	750	34	52	68	31	54	69
Reuter	460	36	47	56	9	17	22
(*484)	500	13	27	36	26	37	42

Series		Calls Nov	Feb	May	Puts Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	390	23	37	39	1	12	15
(*412)	425	4	16	22	11	27	30
Ladbroke	140	15	21	24	0	2	6
(*155)	160	2	9	13	5	10	16
Utd Bisc	300	19	25	34	1	5	13
(*318)	330	1	12	15	13	19	29
BAT Ind	420	39	51	58	0	6	16
(*459)	460	4	25	34	7	19	27
BTR	300	12	23	29	1	9	15
(*311)	330	0	9	14	19	24	32
Br Aero	460	16	38	51	7	23	36
(*469)	500	2	22	34	32	45	59
Br Telcom	390	2	14	22	4	12	21
(*390)	420	0	4	11	29	38	41
Cadbury	420	16	32	36	1	9	16
(*438)	460	1	12	18	22	29	36
Guinness	460	12	26	34	1	10	20
(*469)	500	0	9	15	31	34	47
GEC	260	10	16	24	1	8	10
(*269)	300	1	7	14	11	19	21
Hanson	220	12	16	20	0	5	9
(*232)	240	1	6	10	8	15	20
LASMO	134	12	—	—	0	—	—
(*146)	154	1	—	—	8	—	—
Lucas	200	4	13	16	3	10	14
(*200)	220	0	5	10	20	22	26
Pilkington	180	8	13	16	1	5	7
(*187)	200	0	4	9	15	17	19
Prudential	300	28	36	39	0	4	10
(*326)	330	4	15	21	5	14	22
Redland	460	14	31	40	2	16	20
(*468)	500	0	14	22	30	34	55
Royal Ins	280	12	25	31	2	11	17
(*290)	300	2	15	21	12	21	27
Tesco	240	12	21	27	1	6	12
(*251)	260	0	11	17	10	16	22
Vodafone	217	6	15	—	2	10	—
(*221)	233	1	—	—	12	—	—
Williams	325	25	—	—	0	—	—
(*350)	354	3	—	—	6	—	—
R-Royce	160	17	23	25	0	6	10
(*179)	180	3	11	13	4	10	15
Eastern Gp	800	17	45	65	11	44	55
(*805)	850	—	23	42	45	73	81

Series		Calls Dec	Mar	Jun	Puts Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Natl	420	16	26	34	6	21	27
(*426)	460	3	10	17	37	47	52
Amstrad	25	4	5	—	1	2	3
(*29)	30	1	3	4	2	3	4
Barclays	600	26	44	52	11	22	34
(*612)	650	9	21	31	41	52	63
Blue Circ	300	13	22	29	7	12	21
(*306)	330	3	10	17	26	34	39
Br Gas	300	9	20	26	5	11	16
(*303)	330	1	8	12	29	29	37
Dixons	180	15	22	25	2	10	15
(*190)	200	5	12	16	12	19	25
Forte	220	10	17	27	6	8	17
(*223)	240	3	12	19	18	19	27
Hillsdwn	160	17	23	—	1	4	—
(*175)	180	4	8	12	9	12	16
Lonrho	140	21	24	30	2	4	6
(*159)	160	7	12	18	4	12	15
Sears	100	10	13	15	2	2	5
(*109)	110	4	—	—	4	—	—
Thrn Emi	1000	26	42	66	16	36	46
(*1000)	1050	7	22	43	51	66	75
Tomkins	220	9	15	22	3	12	15
(*224)	240	2	9	14	17	23	24
TSB	220	14	19	23	3	10	13
(*230)	240	5	9	14	13	22	26
Wellcome	650	49	59	71	11	23	27
(*669)	700	19	36	51	41	55	64
Fisons	130	8	14	16	4	7	11
(*130)	140	3	11	14	12	17	19
Nat Pwr	500	35	37	43	15	28	34
(*504)	550	11	23	29	51	56	65
Scot Pwr	330	32	25	41	2	11	16
(*357)	360	11	21	32	14	24	30

FT-SE INDEX (*3135)

	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250
Calls						
Nov	142	98	53	16	4	1
Dec	173	134	97	69	46	28
Jan	201	165	131	101	76	55
Feb	220	194	155	123	96	77
Jun	265	—	204	—	152	—
Puts						
Nov	1	3	7	24	64	114
Dec	21	32	45	70	98	132
Jan	44	56	74	94	130	150
Feb	52	65	95	106	132	165
Jun	85	—	122	—	170	—

November 15, 1994 Tot: 44304 Call: 24614 Put: 19690 FT-SE Call: [illegible] Put: 8929

*Underlying security price.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 94	3116.0	3158.0	3113.0	3151.0	20543
Previous open interest: 56267	Mar 95	3138.5	3168.0	3138.5	3167.5	271
FT-SE 250	Dec 94				3577.0	0
Previous open interest: 4167	Mar 95					0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 94	93.60	93.63	93.56	93.59	14258
Previous open interest: 300964	Mar 95	92.77	92.82	92.76	92.79	20445
	Jun 95	92.19	92.23	92.17	92.21	4745
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 94	93.99	93.99	93.95	93.96	34
Previous open interest: 4297	Mar 95				93.47	0
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 94	94.85	94.85	94.83	94.85	13633
Previous open interest: 706763	Mar 95	94.67	94.68	94.64	94.67	26533
Long Gilt	Dec 94	101-29	102-07	101-23	102-01	42279
Previous open interest: 109563	Mar 95	101-01	101-11	100-31	101-07	2163
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 94	107.90	107.95	107.88	107.90	1411
	Mar 95	107.22	107.27	107.20	107.23	1927
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 94	90.45	90.73	90.37	90.65	118874
Previous open interest: 208949	Mar 95	89.50	89.81	89.46	89.76	6329
Three month ECU	Dec 94	94.00	94.05	94.00	94.02	1264
Previous open interest: 24422	Mar 95	93.66	93.70	93.65	93.67	901
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 94	95.98	95.98	95.93	95.93	2116
Previous open interest: 47069	Mar 95	95.74	95.75	95.66	95.67	7060
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 94	101.94	101.87	101.18	101.28	30051
Previous open interest: 63674	Mar 95	100.92	100.87	100.30	100.32	2150

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5 Low 4 Week fixed: 5
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¼; 3 mth 5¼. Sell: 2 mth [illegible]; 3 mth: [illegible].

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Sterling Money Rates:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Interbank:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

Overnight: open 4¾, close 4.

Local Authority Deps:	[illegible]	n/a	6	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sterling CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dollar CDs:	4.32	n/a	4.78	5.04	5.65
Building Society CDs:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 31, 1994 Agreed rates Nov 26, 1994 to Dec 25, 1994 Scheme III: 7.23%. Reference rate Oct 1, 1994 to Oct 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.996%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deutschemark:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	5-4
French Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Swiss Franc:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	4-4	[illegible]
Yen:	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $386.60-387.00 Close: $386.60-387.10 High: $387.05-387.55 Low: $384.05-385.15 AM: $386.45 PM: $387.70

Krugerrand: $380.00-391.00 (£246.00-248.00)

Platinum: $416.85 (£262.60) Silver: $5.23 (£3.295) **Palladium:** $158.00 (£99.55)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Nov 15	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7444-2.7477	2.7424-2.7458	¼pr-par	[illegible]
Brussels	50.30-50.47	50.30-50.40	5pr-par	15-7pr
Copenhagen	9.5530-9.5800	9.5650-9.5800	[illegible]ds	par-1¼ds
Dublin	1.0175-1.0205	1.0177-1.0204	+1pr	12-7pr
Frankfurt	2.4462-2.4515	2.4462-2.4496	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Lisbon	249.39-250.40	249.38-250.02	77-65ds	231-248ds
Madrid	203.45-203.90	203.45-203.74	31-38ds	94-109ds
Milan	2506.50-2515.80	2506.50-2509.70	5-6ds	14-17ds
Montreal	2.1570-2.1626	2.1569-2.1599	0.14-0.07pr	0.25-0.13pr
New York	1.5834-1.5892	1.5934-1.5944	0.04-0.03pr	0.11-0.08pr
Oslo	10.7070-10.7290	10.7130-10.7280	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Paris	8.4020-8.4270	8.4020-8.4170	¼pr-par	[illegible]pr
Stockholm	11.5960-11.6470	11.6190-11.6420	[illegible]ds	[illegible]ds
Tokyo	155.52-156.10	155.52-155.78	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Vienna	17.22-17.27	17.22-17.26	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr
Zurich	2.0542-2.0610	2.0552-2.0582	[illegible]pr	[illegible]pr

Premium - pr Discount - ds.
Source: Extel

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3273-1.3281
Austria	10.86-10.87
Belgium (Com)	31.74-31.75
Canada	1.3623-1.3628
Denmark	6.0260-6.0315
France	5.3030-5.3045
Germany	1.5432-1.5442
Hong Kong	7.7280-7.7290
Ireland	1.5548-1.5563
Italy	1581.5-1582.0
Japan	98.24-98.29
Malaysia	2.5627-2.5637
Netherlands	1.7301-1.7306
Norway	6.7540-6.7570
Portugal	157.52-157.62
Singapore	1.4720-1.4730
Spain	128.43-128.48
Sweden	7.2952-7.3052
Switzerland	1.2970-1.2980

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5836-1.5863
Australia dollar	2.1057-2.1077
Bahrain dinar	0.593-0.605
Brazil real*	1.3179-1.3220
Cyprus pound	0.7425-0.7525
Finland markka	7.3445-7.4605
Greece drachma	373.75-380.75
Hong Kong dollar	12.2597-12.2652
India rupee	49.38-50.34
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4705-0.4805
Malaysia ringgit	4.0644-4.0686
Mexico peso	5.4-5.5
New Zealand dollar	2.5556-2.5593
Pakistan rupee	48.13 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.897-6.023
Singapore dollar	2.3346-2.3377
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4458-6.4974
S Africa rand (com)	5.5616-5.5699
U A E dirham	5.773-5.897

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FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	496	Legal & Gn	1,700
ASDA Gp	9,300	Lloyds Bk	3,800
Abbey Natl	3,600	MEPC	712
Alld Dom	2,300	Marks Spr	7,300
Argyll Gp	1,200	NatWst Bk	5,100
Arjo Wiggn	1,700	Nat Power	4,100
ABrit Foods	202	Nth Wst W	2,500
BAA	3,000	P & O	1,100
BAT Inds	8,100	Pearson	1,300
BOC	2,500	PowerGen	2,900
BP	8,900	Prudential	6,200
BTR	27,000	RMC	124
BT	12,000	RTZ	4,300
Bk of Scot	1,800	Rank Org	1,100
Barclays	7,400	Reckitt Col	2,400
Bass	2,500	Redland	1,100
Blue Circle	1,200	Reed Intl	1,500
Boots	214,000	Rentokil	393
Bowater	1,000	Reuters	3,200
Brit Aero	861	Rolls Royce	3,100
Brit Airwys	4,800	Ryl Ins	3,200
Brit Gas	11,000	Ryl Bk Scot	1,900
Brit Steel	21,000	Sainsbury	2,400
Burmah Cast	449	Schroders	18
Cable Wire	5,600	Scot & New	770
Cadbury	1,900	Scot Power	4,100
Caradon	1,800	Sears	5,200
Carlton Cms	583	Svrn Trent	809
Cm Union	1,900	Shell Trans	4,300
Courtaulds	1,100	Siebe	1,300
De La Rue	1,300	SmKl Bch	10,000
Eastern Elec	800	Smith Nph	4,300
Enterpr Oil	349	Sthrn Elec	1,000
Forte	1,400	Std Chartd	3,900
GKN	1,000	Sun Allnce	1,800
GRE	6,800	TI Gp	651
GUS	2,800	TSB	3,700
Gen Acc	2,600	Tesco	6,700
Gen Elec	4,600	Thames W	2,000
Glaxo	9,900	Thrn EMI	1,000
Granada	1,500	Tomkins	7,000
Grand Met	2,700	Unilever	624
Guinness	3,200	Utd Bisc	1,800
HSBC	3,100	Vodafone	14,000
Hanson	17,000	Warburg (SG)	405
ICI	3,700	Wellcome	765
Inchcape	735	Whitbread	718
Kingfisher	1,700	Wilms Hld	724
Ladbroke	6,200	Wolseley	899
Land Secs	1,700	Zeneca	2,700

WALL STREET

	Nov 15 midday	Nov 14 close
AMP Inc	74	74
AMR Corp	52	51
AT & T	53	54
Abbott Labs	32	32
Aetna Life	47	47
Ahmanson (HF)	17	17
Air Prod & Chem	46	46
Alberton's	30	30
Alcan Alumnm	25	24
Alco Standard	57	57
Allied Signal	34	33
Alum Co of Am	83	83
Amax Gold Inc	6	6
Amerada Hess	47	47
Amer Brands	34	33
Amer Cyanamid	100	100
Amer El Power	31	32
Amer Express	31	31
Amer Genl Corp	27	27
Amer Home Pr	64	64
Amer Intl	93	93
Amer Stores	26	26
Ameritech	39	40
Amoco	61	60
Anheuser-Busch	50	50
Apple Computer	42	42
Archer Daniels	27	28
Armco	6	6
Armstrng Wrld	41	41
Asarco	29	27
Ashland Oil	37	37
Atl Richfield	103	102
Auto Data Pro	57	57
Avery Dennison	33	33
Avon Products	62	62
Baker Hughes	19	19
Baltim Gas & El	21	21
Banc One	27	27
BankAmerica	42	42
Bank of NY	30	30
Bankers Tr NY	61	61
Barnett Banks	40	41
Bausch & Lomb	34	34
Baxter Intl	27	27
Becton Dicknsn	47	47
Bell Atlantic	50	51
BellSouth	52	51
Black & Decker	25	25
Block (H&R)	40	40
Boeing	47	47
Boise Cascade	24	25
Borden Inc	13	13
Bristol Myrs Sq	59	60
Browning Ferris	29	29
Brunswick	19	19
Burlington Nthn	48	48
CBS	56	56
CNA Financial	64	64
CPC Intl	53	53
CSX	69	69
Campbell Soup	43	43
Can Pacific	15	15
Cptl Cities ABC	83	82
Carolina Pwr	25	26
Caterpillar	56	57
Central & SW	20	20
Champion Intl	36	36
Chase Manhat	36	36
Chemical Bk	36	36
Chevron Corp	42	41
Chrysler	50	48
Chubb Corp	71	71
Cigna Corp	68	69
Citicorp	46	45
Clorox	56	56
Coastal Corp	27	28
Coca Cola	51	51
Colgate-Palmolive	61	61
Columbia Gas	25	25
Compaq Comp	41	40
Comp Ass Intl	48	47
Conagra	30	31
Cons Edison	24	24
Cons Nat Gas	36	35
Cons Rail	52	52
Cooper Inds	36	36
Corning Inc	32	32
Crown Cork	39	39
Dana Corp	23	23
Dayton Hudson	81	84
Deere	67	66
Delta Air Lines	51	51
Deluxe Corp	28	28
Detroit Edison	26	26
Digital Equip	33	32
Dillard Dept St	29	29
Disney (Walt)	43	43
Dominion Res	35	35
Donnelley (RR)	29	29
Dover Corp	54	54
Dow Chemical	69	68
Dow Jones	30	30
Dresser	21	21
Duke Power	39	38
Dun & Brdstreet	56	56
Du Pont	55	54
Eastman Kodak	48	47
Eaton Corp	51	51
Emerson Elec	64	64
Engelhard Corp	22	22
Enron Corp	31	31
Entergy	22	22
Ethyl Corp	10	10
Exxon	60	59
FMC Corp	60	60
FPL Group	32	32
Federal Express	60	60
Fed Nat Mtge	75	75
First Chicago	48	48
First Interstate	77	77
First Union Rlty	6	6
Fleet Finl Grp	31	31
Fluor Corp	46	46
Ford Motor	29	29
GTE Corp	31	31
Gannett	49	49
Gap Inc Del	37	37
Gen Dynamics	41	41
Gen Electric	49	48
Gen Mills	57	56
Gen Motors	39	38
Gen Reinsurance	116	115
Gen Signal	35	36
Genuine Parts	35	35
Georgia Pac	71	70
Gillette	72	72
Glaxo ADR	19	19
Goodrich (BF)	45	44
Goodyear Tire	35	35
Grace (WR)	39	39
Grt Atl Pac Tea	24	24
Great Wstn Fin	16	16
Halliburton	35	35
Harcourt General	36	36
Heinz (HJ)	38	38
Hercules	116	117
Hershey Foods	47	47
Hewlett Packard	99	98
Hilton Hotels	58	58
Home Depot	48	47
Homestake Mng	18	18
Honeywell	30	31
Household Intl	36	36
Houston Inds	32	33
Humana	23	23
ITT Corp	86	85
Illinois Tool	43	43
Illinova	19	19
INCO	28	28
Ingersoll Rand	34	34
Inland Steel	32	32
Intel Corp	62	62
IBM	73	72
Intl Flav & Fr	45	44
Intl Paper	72	72
James River Va	22	22
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	54	54
Kellogg	60	59
Kerr-McGee	47	47
Kimberly-Clark	49	50
Kmart	15	15
Knight-Ridder	49	50
Lilly (Eli)	63	63
Limited Inc	20	20
LIN Broadcstg	139	139
Lincoln Natl	37	36
Litton	34	34
Liz Claiborne	22	22
Lockheed	72	72
Louisiana Pac	28	28
MCI Comm	22	22
Marriott Intl	29	29
Marsh & McLen	75	75
Masco Corp	23	23
May Dept St	38	38
Maytag Corp	15	15
McDonalds	29	29
McDonnell D	139	139
McGraw Hill	72	71
Mead Corp	49	49
Medtronic	51	51
Mellon Bk	33	33
Melville Corp	33	33
Merck Inc	37	37
Merrill Lynch	40	40
Minnesota Mine	53	53
Mobil Corp	82	82
Monsanto	73	73
Morgan (JP)	60	60
Motorola Inc	59	59
Natl Medical	14	14
Natl Semi	18	17
Natl Service Ind	26	26
Navistar Int	13	13
NBD Bancorp	29	29
NY Times A	23	22
Newmont Mng	40	40
Niag Mohawk	13	13
Nike B	62	61
NL Industries	12	12
Noram Energy	5	5
Nordstrom	49	48
Norfolk Sthrn	62	62
Nthn State Pwr	44	44
Norwest Corp	23	23
Nynex Corp	38	38
Occidental Pet	20	20
Ohio Edison	18	18
Oracle Systems	44	44
Oryx Energy Co	13	13
Owens Corning	29	30
PNC Financial	22	22
PPG Industries	37	37
Paccar Inc	43	43
Pacificorp	17	17
Pac Enterprises	20	20
Pac Gas & Elect	22	22
Pac Telesis	29	29
Pall Corp	18	19
Panhandle East	23	23
Parker Hannifin	45	45
Penn Energy	24	24
Penney (JC)	48	46
Pennzoil	49	48
Pepsico	37	37
Pfizer	76	77
Phelps Dodge	58	57
Philip Morris	63	62
Phillips Pet	34	34
Pitney Bowes	33	33
Polaroid	32	32
PriceCostco	15	15
Procter & Gmbl	63	63
Providian	31	31
Pub Serv E & G	25	25
Quaker Oats	69	67
Ralston Purina	42	42
Raychem Corp	34	35
Raytheon	65	64
Reebok Intl	39	38
Reynolds Metals	50	50
Roadway Srvcs	54	54
Rockwell Intl	36	36
Rohm & Haas	56	55
Royal Dutch	110	109
Rubbermaid	27	28
Safeco Corp	48	47
St Paul's Cos	41	41
Salomon Inc	38	38
Santa Fe Pac	16	13
Sara Lee Corp	25	25
Scecorp	13	13
Schering Plough	74	74
Schlumberger	56	56
Scott Paper	66	66
Seagram	28	28
Sears Roebuck	50	50
Shell Trans	67	66
Sherwin Wllms	32	32
Skyline Corp	19	19
Snap-On-Tools	31	32
Southern Co	19	19
Sthwestern Bell	42	41
Sprint Corp	31	31
Stanley Works	38	38
Sun Company	30	30
Sun Microsys	33	32
Suntrust	49	49
Supervalu	24	24
Sysco Corp	27	27
TRW Inc	69	68
TCC Inds	2	2
Tandem Comp	17	17
Tandy Corp	43	43
Teledyne	17	17
Temple Inland	48	47
Tenneco	41	41
Texaco	61	60
Texas Inst	77	79
Texas Utilities	31	31
Textron	50	51
Time Warner	35	35
Times-Mirror	31	31
Timken	34	34
Torchmark	36	35
Toys R Us	38	38
Transamerica	50	50
Travelers	33	33
Tribune	52	52
Tyco Labs	46	46
UST Inc	28	27
UAL	94	95
USX-Marathon	18	18
Unicom	23	23
Unilever NV	115	116
Union Camp	46	45
Union Carbide	31	30
Union Pacific	47	45
Unisys Corp	10	10
USAIR Group	5	4
USF&G Corp	13	14
US Life	32	32
US West	37	36
United Tech	59	59
Unocal Corp	27	27
Upjohn	32	32
VF Corp	51	51
WMX Tech	28	28
Wal-Mart Stores	23	23
Warner-Lambert	77	77
Wells Fargo	147	149
Westinghouse El	13	13
Weyerhaeuser	37	37
Whirlpool	53	53
Whitman	18	18
Winn Dixie	53	53
Woolworth	15	15
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	48	48
Xerox	100	100
Yellow Corp	19	19

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THE TIMES

CITY DIARY

Tunnel chief wins his bet

SIR Alastair Morton, the embattled Eurotunnel chairman who must often have wondered if the gods would every smile on him again, is on a winning streak. The Channel Tunnel is open, and on Monday the first passenger train made it to Paris. He therefore wins a bet made with his old chum John Collier, chairman of Nuclear Electric. Two years ago, Collier bet Sir Alastair that Nuclear Electric would produce commercial electricity from Sizewell B power station before a fare paying passenger went through the Tunnel. The wager was a new £50 note, a case of champagne, and a donation to a charity of the winner's chosing. Collier, conceding victory to Sir Alastair, yesterday handed over the goodies and a £500 cheque to The Children's Society. "Until very recently, neither of us would have liked to predict who would emerge the victor," Collier had been very confident of his chances and had clearly expected a walkover. "Nuclear Electric's timetable remains on time — end-February, next year, and on budget!," the vanquished added.



Sir Alastair: timely win

Lending an ear

BANKERS are today waiting in eager anticipation for the Queen's Speech, having questioned delegates to each of the three political parties at their autumn conferences on current banking practices. Such was the response that the British Bankers' Association is still number-crunching the results. Party delegates were asked if basic banking services do not need the same level of regulation as investment products; if banks should improve services by introducing new technology — even if this means cutting staff or closing branches — and should they take account of whether business customers meet environmental standards.

Off the wall

THE boardroom of Hambros bank is up for sale. The superb quality Cuban mahogany boardroom panelling was fitted by Trollope & Colls and no expense was spared. The boardroom was removed from the bank about seven years ago from 41 Bishopsgate when it was relocated to 41 Tower Hill. Now the boardroom is the star feature on the stand of Architectural Heritage at Olympia's Fine Art and Antiques Fair, which opens today. It runs for approximately 60 feet and includes a magnificent carved mahogany bookcase with carved beading and cornice. However, the bankers could not read during meetings. The books are false, comprising leather and gilt spines only, authentically mounted to form a secret cupboard behind. The asking price is £70,000, plus VAT.

SEEN on a Bristol street, just hours after lottery tickets went on sale. A young man begging with this sign round his neck: Valid lottery tickets acceptable.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Japanese urged to use their cash for the common good

Tax reform and government bonds are to tackle Tokyo's recession, says Joanna Pitman



A two-pronged strategy aims to get Japan's economy moving again

Another special spending package designed to lift the Japanese economy out of recession is not, at first glance, the kind of thing to set the *gaijin* pulse racing. As distraction items go, it looks suspiciously like the modern equivalent of the old newspaper headline about a small earthquake in Chile.

Japan's recession has been serious now for four years. A series of "unprecedented", "special", "emergency" or "urgent" economic rescue packages worth a total of more than Y30 trillion (£192 billion) have been announced, discussed, implemented and analysed over those years with barely a blip in GDP growth to show for it.

Last month, we learnt of yet another one, announced amid an uncommon flurry of steely resolve from Japan's vociferous coalition government. This one is vast in scale — worth well over £4 trillion in terms of total impact — and is, yet again, designed to lift the Japanese economy out of recession. This time, it is described as an expansionary fiscal policy with implementation expected next spring.

Bernard Siman, an analyst with UBS Securities, believes that the package's impact will be significant. "The new policy should bring large sums of cash liquidity into circulation," he said. "The banking system will be reliquified and so there will be more money available to lend to companies for their capital expenditure requirements. The Japanese economy, unlike those of other developed countries, is capital expenditure-led rather than consumption-led, and the anticipated corporate spending will give it a real chance to recover".

The policy will be two-pronged. Firstly, the government plans to raise Y630 trillion (£3.9 trillion) from flotation of new municipal construction bonds, which will be spent on public works over the next ten years, starting in fiscal 1995. Given the large scale of expenditure, the government has decided not to fund it from the general accounts budget, but rather to pay for it through government debt, its equivalent of the PSBR.

A big expansion of Japan's infrastructural capacity is deemed necessary now to avoid an expected overload of the existing antiquated one. This is important because when the economy eventually struggles back towards something resembling fighting form and infrastructural burdens increase accordingly, it must be capable of absorbing new pressures. If it is not ready, costs will be forced up, exerting inflationary pressures to raise interest rates, and then any economic growth already achieved will be likely to be choked out of existence.

The second part of the policy will also be funded from government debt. This will consist of a package amounting to the abolition of land-holding tax and a reduction in capital gains taxes. The proposed property tax reform appears to be designed to trigger a big liquidation of property-related assets currently held with enormous hidden gains by Japanese corporations.

All over Japan, companies of all types, from chocolate manufacturers to pharmaceutical companies to carmakers, have been sitting on property-related assets, unable to realise their hidden gains because of the burdensome tax implications of selling. According to the current system, a company selling a property and making a gain of, for example, Y1 billion would have to pay Y800 million in capital gains and other corporate taxes.

Naturally, this has provided a strong disincentive, but, once reforms are implemented, companies will be able to restructure their balance sheets by selling their land holdings and begin to reduce their bank debts. With the reduction in interest payments, recovery will be made considerably easier.

"The issue of reforming property taxes in this way has become a national priority, not just an issue that affects the real estate sector," Mr Siman said. "The potential for companies to realise their hidden gains without an excessive tax burden will have huge repercussions in the banking sector and thereafter in the broader economy. The consequent impact on the stock market will be extremely positive."

Both prongs of the new policy are distinctly expansionary. Given Japan's current position on its economic cycle, at the bottom of a U-shaped pattern and on the verge of upturn, this latest policy initiative is believed to be one of the few examples in economic history of a counter-cyclical policy measure being introduced at the same time that the cycle itself is just beginning to recover. The bond market, however, is not likely to take kindly to the new policy. With the sudden surge in the supply of bonds, long-term rates will rise, yields will go up and, as a result, bond prices are likely to collapse. However, as is often the case, Japan's exemplary savings patterns will probably come to the rescue.

The thrifty Japanese have an estimated Y180 trillion stashed away in individual savings in the postal system alone. This represents 3o per cent of the country's GNP and there are believed to be further pools of excess savings hidden away in banks and elsewhere. If some of these resources can be extracted and ploughed into buying government bonds and construction bonds through special funding vehicles, the negative impact on the bond market will be rendered negligible. Consumption levels will also improve.

Given that this all sounds like a rather neat way of kicking Japan's moribund economy back into action, one has to wonder why it has not been tried earlier. The answer is, of course, that power is a slippery thing in Japan. Specifically there has been something of a political power vacuum for the past 18 months since the Liberal Democratic Party was ousted from government in August 1993 for the first time in almost 40 years.

Subsequent multiple realignments of political parties into coalitions and out of them again, has effectively prevented the formation of any coherent policy. Also the growth of a sense of crisis has been required to push through this new policy initiative.

The Ministry of Finance, in a rare display of its sense of crisis, announced last week that it is prepared to increase by 30 per cent the number of subsidised mortgages it offers through the government-run Housing Loan Corporation. These mortgages are designed to help first-time buyers, and, although this will have a small impact on the market, it illustrates the urgency felt by the ministry and the fact that it is prepared to spend government funds as part of the new expansionary policy.

In terms of the timing of its expected impact, implementation in the spring will be swiftly followed by a set of year-end results that are expected to be far from celebratory. The stock market will be sidetracked with nerves over corporate results and will take some time to digest, and reflect in stronger prices, the probable impact of the reforms.

Followers of Japan's 1980s bubble, which burst in 1990 and remains well and truly deflated, can be expected to begin predicting a future mini-bubble to accompany the initial stages of recovery. Such a mini-bubble would seem to be inevitable. However, there will be plenty of checks and balances to prevent disaster. Investor confidence will still be fragile. More significantly, the financial authorities will have their bubble police on the job, ensuring that the economy does not repeat its catastrophic runaway performance of the late 1980s. The new Bank of Japan governor, when he takes over in December, will no doubt be ready with a sharpened pin.



ANTHONY HARRIS

A world without inflation?

The sight of a man, or even a whole team, trying to make a City audience think long term is not a pretty one. It does some credit to the City that a huge audience turned up to hear Roger Bootle and his team from HSBC Markets argue that inflation as we have come to know it has ended. It would be rash to conclude that the earth shook; but some people went away looking thoughful. Their interest is easily explained. Bootle has for the last few years been the City's best forecaster of the British economy, though not of the bond market.

Inflation has fallen even faster than his apparently rash forecasts — has anyone, I repeat, noticed that we have not had any inflation at all since May? But the markets still don't believe it. The apparent gloom now is enough to baffle even the Governor, let alone Bootle. No wonder he is beginning to look a little like an Old Testament prophet.

However, his idea of the long term did not go back to Biblical times: just to the 14th century. The point is that on this 600-year view price stability, or something near it, is pretty much the norm. Wars and bad crops could drive up prices, but they fell again. The world of Bottom the Weaver, in which a pension of 6 old pence a day (just over £9 a year) would make life easier for an artisan is nearer that of Sherlock Holmes, who regarded an annuity of £150 as an adequate motive for murder, than it is to our own world of five-figure average incomes.

It is the uninterrupted post-war inflation that is an historical oddity. Bootle argues that the price stability which has reappeared in the last three years is a return to normal, and will last. His reasoning rests on a structural explanation of inflation: that the main engine of modern inflation was large-scale manufacturing, in which products were highly differntiated and manufacturers enjoyed strong market power. Add policies and state enterprises left over from the 1930s slump, and you had an inflation engine.

However, this was a passing oddity. Big manfacturers no longer rule the roost: they face a falling share in all developed economies, fragmentation and global competition. And the trade unions, who derived their market power from that of their employers, have also lost it. Policy has also reversed. Industry cuts costs, officials aim primarily at stopping inflation: and markets are locked into an outdated pattern, hedging against a forecast inflation which never seems to appear. All of which means that if Bootle is right, we risk severe overkill. Small wonder that we now have a feel-bad recovery almost everywhere, and virtually no recovery at all in once dynamic economies like Japan.

Is all this plausible? There is surely, at the very least, a case which needs answering. Indeed, I would add to it: the growing power of retailers over their suppliers is also a powerful structural change making for lower prices. Sir Thomas Lipton's shops did more than steam to raise working class living standards in the 19th century. For Lipton read Sainsbury or Walmart. History may be repeating itself. And another thing: markets are endlessly excited about commodity prices; but more and more of our spending is either on highly processed materials, sub-miniature things, or no materials at all — information and amusement. No bottlenecks there.

Does all this mean that equities will be squeezed as ever-fiercer competition compresses margins, and bonds will boom again? Not necessarily. Returns on investment in emerging markets may be huge; and it is these returns, with the level of savings, which set real interest rates. But the Bootle thesis deserves some attention; get hold of his paper (HSBC Markets are at 10 Queen St Place, London EC4R 1BQ) and reach your own conclusions.

Patricia Tehan reports on an interactive experiment

NatWest trials television banking

It may not rival East-Enders or Coronation Street, but National Westminster Bank is hoping for big audience figures from its new television banking service.

NatWest is one of a group of partners taking part in British Telecom's interactive television trial, which is due to start in Colchester and Ipswich in the third quarter of next year. BT hopes 2,500 households will take part, using their television sets to shop, buy holidays, see videos on demand and keep up to date on local information, as well as to organise their bank accounts.

Other partners in the trial include Thomas Cook, selling holidays and travel, Sears, selling fashion and sporting goods, and WH Smith, for books, CDs and videos. Safeway will be offering a grocery service.

A growing number of bank customers are getting used to doing their banking business by phone. Midland's First Direct subsidary has been the most successful — it has 450,000 customers and is adding them at the rate of 10,000 a year.

The NatWest trial will take telephone banking one step further — customers will actually be able to see their account balances on the television screen and transfer money between accounts 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Three months into the trial NatWest is planning to widen its service to customers and non-customers alike, providing information on other services like insurance products and mortgages.

The bank hopes that 500 to 750 customers will take part in the six month trial.

Bank of Scotland was the first bank to provide electronic banking when, in 1985, it launched its Hobs home banking system. Customers plugged a telephone line into their televisions to see their accounts on screen, and transferred money between accounts and ordered statements by pushing buttons on their telephone in response to commands on the screen.

Hobs has now moved on to terminals with their own keypads, and more recently it launched its "screenphone" which displays account details on a miniature pop-up television screen.

Stephen de Looze, NatWest's senior executive for information highway, said the NatWest interactive television trial will take that sort of service even further.

Unlike Hobs, which is now on a small screen, NatWest will be using all the latest colour, video and animation techniques. Mr de Looze said: "The visual images will be much clearer".

NatWest will run a helpline so that if customers get stuck, they will have someone to turn to. Mr de Looze said the bank had not yet decided how the screen will work — it plans to discuss its ideas with customers first. The look and feel of the service is still being discussed, he said.

The bank expects a "mix of multi-media", he said. By this he means lots of colour, some still pictures and some moving images. There may be a talking head on the screen, which could be a cartoon or a video of a real person.

Mr de Looze said the television bank will not replace high street branches. "There will always be a role for our branch network. There are some customers who will almost certainly feel unwilling or unable to do their banking via the television," he added. However, he claimed: "We have seen an increased trend towards convenience and accessibility. People want to bank at a time and place convenient to them."

The bank needs to retain flexibility "so that we can deliver service to our customers through which ever channel suits them," he said.

Customers can carry on using their telephones while using the interactive banking and shopping services.

Eventually, Mr de Looze said, NatWest may be able to sell products such as insurance using interactive television. The bank is running a trial of selling insurance using an interactive video in ten branches around the country, enabling customers to see staff in its NatWest Insurance Services office in Bristol on one half of the screen, while at the same time filling in insurance application forms on the other half.

NatWest said a million of its personal customers use its telephone banking service which uses a tone pad to key in instructions.

Customers will not need a special telephone, though BT will be providing a "set top box", the size of a video recorder, an infra-red controller and a box to adapt the phone socket. In the trial these will be provided free of charge, though in the future customers are likely to be charged for them.

The other banks have already recognised the need to keep up. BT is working with Bank of Scotland, Barclays Bank, First Direct, Norwich Union's Hill House Hammond Direct, and Nationwide Building Society to develop their own television-based financial services.



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Equities rise in heavy trading

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BANKS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
523	380½	Abbey Ntl	425	+5	4.8	14.3
314	233	Allied Irish	240		5.1	9.5
279½	171	Aus New Z	178	+5	5.3	26.7
3300	2587½	Bank America	2662½	+18½		
247	172½	Bank Scotland	216½		3.1	12.2
640	487	Barclays	612	+6½	3.4	18.9
319	246	Bk of Ireland	283		5.2	8.1
2912½	2262½	Citicorp	2867½	-43½		
285½	203	Close Bros	229		4.1	
£150½	£121½	Commerzbk	£132½	-62½	6.2	
1296½	1056½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1100		0.5	
£344½	£270½	Deutsche Bk	£311½	+187½	2.7	
1315½	787½	Espirito Santo	868½		4.4	4.4
90	60	First Ntl Fin	66	+½	2.8	
1549½	1152½	Fuji Bank Y	1312½	+23½	0.4	
473	209	Hambros	222	+7	8.4	9.1
1113	660	HSBC	750	+22	4.1	10.9
1133	680	HSBC HK	754	+22½	4.1	10.9
443	400	Joseph (L)	418		5.2	12.2
693	424	Kleinwort Ben	475		5.1	8.4
660	519	Lloyds	588	+7½	4.9	11.6
620½	472	Ntc Aust Bk	506	+9	5.8	10.6
622	421	Nat West	527	+5½	4.6	9.8
3300	2125	Ottoman Bank	2125		6.9	
79	52	Rea Bros	81		1.9	17.1
529	377½	Ryl Bk Scot	448	+1½	3.3	20.3
1574	1050	Schroders	1398	+10	1.7	12.8
1458	1043	Schroders NV	1273	+8	1.8	11.7
114	75	Singer & Fried	82		4.8	10.6
359½	223	Stand Chart	297	+10	2.7	10.2
291	197	TSB	230	+3	4.4	11.6
1012	569	Warburg SG	647	+3	4.3	11.9
£105	8612½	Wells Fargo	9225	+75	2.9	
260	194	Westpac	201	+1½	3.7	
390	210	Wintrust	218		5.9	14.6

BREWERIES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
10½	1½	Ascot Hldgs	2			
619	485	Bass	541	-2	4.8	14.1
293	248	Boddington	254	+1	4.1	13.7
196	168	Burtonwd Brwt	180		3.5	15.0
181	142	Eldridge P 'A'	165		2.8	22.9
66	46½	Fosters Brewing	54	-1	5.3	
493	375	Fuller Sm 'A'	377		2.6	15.6
511	399	Greenalls Gp	415	+7	3.8	15.9
584	452	Greene King	541	+2	3.0	15.1
355	239	Hardy Hansn	257		4.3	13.1
170	135	Heavitree	150		3.4	13.5
3773	3125	Holt J	3448		1.8	19.0
346	185	Mansfield	219	-1	2.5	13.4
314	256	Marston Thmp	301	-4	2.5	15.6
545	463	Morland	505		2.5	16.9
10½	6½	Pubmaster	7½		3.3	
274	209	Regent Inns	269		2.5	
1865½	1000	SA Breweries	1525	-3½	1.9	23.7
591	477	Scot & New	513	-11	4.2	15.2
306	229	Vaux Group	241	-1	5.0	15.5
439	324½	Wetherspoon JD	435	-2	1.9	23.9
617	494	Whitbread	553	+6	4.2	16.1
589	493	Wolvrhmptn D	534	+2	3.0	15.0
188	148	Yates Bros	188	+7	2.0	23.1
535	483	Young 'A'	495		3.5	19.0

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	140		4.7	10.2
200	148	Allen	163		4.9	19.3
164	92½	Amec	93	-1	4.0	53.7
95	47	Andrews Sykes	78	+1		
462	333	Ashtead	445		1.5	28.1
191	110	Avonside	112		4.9	13.1
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	34		2.6	20.8
88	18½	Barcom	37		5.9	4.4
292	160½	Barratt Devst	175	+1	4.3	
169	122½	Beazer Homes	138	+1	4.9	10.8
304	179	Bellway	203	+1	4.4	
59	32	Bellwinch	32			28.1
573	371	Berkeley Gp	381	-1	2.3	15.8
215	118	Bell Bros	175		3.3	
355	231	Boot (Henry)	231	-7	3.6	11.4
84	35	Brandon Hire	76	+1	2.5	
235	170	Br Bldg & Eng	170		6.1	10.3
197½	120	Bryant	142	+5	4.4	16.0
145½	111½	CALA	115		3.0	15.9
54	31	Campbell & Arm	39			
62	44	Clarke T	49		3.2	41.6
42	20½	Costain	22½	+½		
185	123	Countryside	123		4.2	27.3
130	82	Crest Nicholson	86		2.3	16.0
140	100	Cussons	103		4.1	12.4
30	19	Edmond Hldgs	21		1.8	
473	323	Eve Group	325		4.2	13.3
60	25	Galliford	25		5.0	
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	89		3.8	
1028	823	Gleeson (MJ)	828		2.1	
85	71	Green (Ernest)	81		9.3	25.0
191	121	Havelock Europ	176		2.1	16.1
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	149	+1	2.5	17.1
144	86	Higgs & Hill	97		3.2	
32	20	Howard Hldgs	22		4.5	20.5
25	6	Jarvis	11½	+½		
138	104	Keller	110		4.3	12.8
428	204	Laing (J)	238	+2	4.7	21.5
164	90½	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	99	+1	8.1	
145	115	Lon Clydeside	127		4.7	17.8
173	63	Lovell (YJ)	73			
253	196	Maunders (J)	218		3.2	
321	186	McAlpine (A)	190		4.3	27.9
78½	50½	McCarthy & S	57	+1	1.1	
185½	94	Mowlem (J)	103	+½	2.4	
379½	205	Persimmon	219		5.3	16.4
2000	1450	Pochins	2000		2.0	20.0
198	128	Prowting	128		3.5	19.5
116	51	Raine Ind	51	-1	7.4	10.6
62	50	[illegible]	62		1.5	29.3
367	233	Sheriff Hldgs	364		1.5	24.2
112	62½	Shorco	111	-1	4.1	15.6
245	195	Smart (J)	217		4.9	
380	156½	Spandex	230		1.3	18.5
257	151	Tay Homes	173		4.7	12.7
183	114½	Taylor Woodrw	129	+1	1.7	31.5
760	538	Tilbury Dougls	565	-4	7.3	43.3
60	35	Torex Hire	56		2.0	29.2
40½	22	Try Group	22		2.8	
135	90	Vibroplant	125		3.6	33.0
170	123	Walhomes	124½		4.2	13.4
74	48	Ward Hldgs	54		1.1	
225½	148	Westbury	149		4.5	13.6
7½	3½	Wiggins	6½			
259	171	Wilson (C)	178	-2	3.0	14.8
571	332	Wilson Bowdn	348	+1	3.4	15.5
249	132	Wimpey G	138	-3	4.8	20.6

BUILDING MATERIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
27	12	Alburghton	14		4.5	13.4
341	283	Alumasc	339		2.2	
65½	43½	Amberley Gp	51		2.5	27.9
363	274	BPB Ind	304	-1	3.3	20.5
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	130	-1	3.3	22.7
60	35½	Bardon	36½		6.8	
244	125	Beresford Intl	213			
83	60	Blockleys	64		1.8	
391	262	Blue Circle	304	+3	4.6	21.6
117	77	Breedon PLC	90		6.4	25.8
154	128	Br Dredging	130	+1	5.4	15.6
409	321	CRH	356	+3	2.7	18.1
70	31	Cakebread Rby	41			
278	235	Cape	235		5.9	14.9
455	254	Caradon	278	+4	4.0	18.4
215½	128	Caradon pf	131	+1	6.9	
62	46	Chatham Gp	54		8.1	10.8
134	89	Dyson (J&J)	99		4.4	14.9
97	72	Dyson 'A'	72		6.1	10.8
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	8½		2.6	
350	273	Epwin	315		3.1	18.7
82	57	Erith	60		3.9	35.8
218	160	Graham Grp	175		3.3	16.7
399	337	Halstead (J)	358	-6	2.6	16.5
511	284	Hepworth	319	-1	5.8	18.1
82	46	Hewetson	79		2.0	
205	85	Howell (J)	98		2.2	
473	285	Heywd Wms	311	+8	5.4	17.5
150	67	Ibstock	75		1.7	
294	149	Johnston	272		2.1	32.7
170	145	Lilleshall	152	-3	3.9	15.9
213½	129	Marley	148	-4	2.5	17.5
155	126	Marshalls	145	+6	3.9	12.9
569	359	Meyer Int	405	+7	3.3	17.1
196	146	Newman Tonks	166	-1	4.6	21.0
212½	119	Norcros	120		7.3	21.5
20	9	Phoenix Timber	11			
208	162	Pilkington	188	-7	2.7	
185	126	Polypipe	134	-4	2.1	15.4
1079	805	RMC Grp	1001		2.7	20.7
40	18	Ramus	19			
640	448	Redland	470	+4	6.6	21.8
108	70	[illegible]	96		5.6	
185½	114	Rugby Group	122		3.5	15.4
103	62	Russell (A)	89		3.2	18.5
31	16	[illegible]	16½		1.5	23.0
200	155	Sharpe & Fisher	175		3.1	12.5
288	222	Sheffield Insl	251	+1	2.8	29.2
81½	42½	Spring Ram	44½		1.4	
206	121	Tarmac	131	+3	5.2	
220	160	[illegible]	160		3.4	13.5
370	274	Travis Perkns	300		2.5	18.5
28	21	Tudor	24		1.3	
54	33	Unigroup	37			
63	33	[illegible]	51			
129	87½	Wickes	91		1.8	20.4
65	39½	[illegible]	64½	+½	1.3	21.7
975	705	Wolseley	771	-1	2.7	15.2

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3½	1½	Anglo Ldn	2½			
110	73	[illegible]	78			
165	107	Allwoods	118			5.3
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	8½			
48	30	Black Arrow	43		7.6	10.5
124	70	Br Shoestores	79			70.9
13	5½	Card Gp	6			16.7
10½	4½	Chemex	7½			
157	109	[illegible]	135		5.8	
227	188	[illegible]	210		1.0	20.8
50	28	Headway	39	-3	2.2	30.5
292	234	Hornby	247		3.0	17.6
248	181	Leigh	181		5.4	16.6
274	214	Nobo Gp	228		3.3	14.6
310	207	Photo-Me	240		2.5	25.0
60	38	Plan & Gen	57	-1	3.9	
185	82	Plantbrook	173		2.5	20.4
12½	5½	Porth Group	7½			
51½	5½	Rodime	12	+2½		
123	79	Charles & McEwan	92		4.4	
244	174	Sinclair (Wm)	181		4.9	13.9
700	483	Waste Mgt Intl	514	+5		19.4

CHEMICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
156½	115½	Allied Colloids	129	-1	2.3	20.2
780	705	Amber Ind	780		3.1	18.2
£140½	£106½	BASF DM	£129½	-81½	7.2	
761	627	BOC	720	+10	4.4	26.3
373	284	BTP	287	-1	4.4	18.6
£160½	£127½	Bayer DM50	£140½	-21½	5.4	
131	98	Brent Chemicals	106½	-1½	4.6	
305	213	Br Vita	225	+2	4.2	16.7
25	18	Cambridge Iso	19			
195	153	Canning (W)	182		5.0	30.8
530	429	Courtaulds	466	-5	3.0	17.6
389	327	Croda	350	-7	3.7	15.0
143	95	Doeflex	134	-1	4.3	12.5
68½	35½	Euro Colour	65		1.6	16.7
149	132	[illegible]	138		2.6	17.3
223	147	Hickson	149		5.8	11.3
£153½	£108½	Hoechst	£124½		5.5	
259	153½	Holliday Chem	222		2.5	18.1
868	728	ICI	783½	+18½	4.4	63.8
191½	140	Kalon	144½		3.8	13.7
843	683	Laporte	757	+10	3.6	19.4
95	48	MTM	85	+3	0.7	
405	302	Manders	304		4.1	14.8
127	100	McLeod Russel	107		7.1	16.7
128	72	Metrotect	73		6.9	9.7
579½	359½	Montedison	458½	-1½	4.0	22.7
248	255	Porvair	229		1.6	32.4
227	196	Scapa	203½	+3	3.6	17.4
56	31	[illegible]	33		1.9	19.6
852½	656	[illegible]	785	-9	0.8	14.2
490	361	Wardle Storeys	363	-3	6.1	
229	192	Wellington Hldgs	197		3.5	18.6
623	570	Wolstenholme R	593		3.0	16.3
433	380	York Chem	383		2.7	16.5
336	258	Yule Catto	276	-1	2.9	21.9

DISTRIBUTORS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
127	106	ABI Lses	106		4.6	14.9
256	248	Acal	251		2.9	18.2
568	253	Adam & Harvey	568	+20	3.3	7.8
31	22	Alexanders	22	-1	2.8	20.4
175	117	Appleyard	118		6.1	20.8
6	3½	Arcs Br Eng	4½		1.4	58.8
570	495	BSG Group	523		4.2	21.8
25½	17	Bearing Power	23	+½	4.1	14.6
405	249	Bletchley Mtr	249		5.3	10.3
40	28	Baird 'A'	28		3.1	
29½	17	Boardsd	25		4.1	
370	288	Braemar	340		4.8	18.9
31	15½	Bridgend Gp	16		1.6	
99	78	Brit Fittings	85		3.3	
71	46	Brown & Tawse	49			
57	36	Burndene	36	-1	6.9	10.5
465	245	Caffyns	248	+3	5.8	16.7
99	24½	Casket Plc	24½	-5½	5.7	8.2
130	95	Central Mtr	95		4.6	23.5
51	32½	Cook (DC)	35		3.6	10.7
348	201	Coma	233		4.4	11.4
182½	127	Dag Motors	140		5.8	16.1
663	446	Dewmans B	587		1.4	16.7
638	437	Diploma	475	+1	3.7	17.1
589	443	Electrocomps	472	+4	2.7	20.4
175	133	Electron House	158		3.5	16.3
283	215	Ellis & Everard	253	+1	3.5	18.7
234	201	Eurodollar	208		5.1	16.3
173	106	European Mtr	120	+5	4.4	12.5
539½	395	Evans Halshaw	404		4.4	12.7
656	490½	Farnell Elect	513	+2	1.9	21.1
78	50	File Indrnr	60		5.7	8.3
34	18	Gardiner	18		5.2	8.6
46	21½	Glencheelon	22			24.3
90	60	Gowrings	73		3.4	22.2
76	58	Hallen Hldgs	69	-1		53.9
342½	266½	Henlys	274	+1	3.4	14.7
191	88	Holders Tech	95		7.9	10.3
138	110	ISA Intl	113		1.9	14.1
609	395	Inchcape	431	+6	4.4	14.3
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	58			13.4
184	145	Kwik-Fit	152	-2	3.3	17.4
573	332	Lex Service	348	+3	4.8	13.3
282	182	Lookers	193	+1	4.5	13.0
20	20	Malaya Grp	20		1.6	
6½	3½	Middlesex	6½			
440	279	Norbain	428	+3	0.7	28.5
100	47	Northamber	92	+2	1.1	39.1
175	153	PCT	155		6.0	15.0
310	232	Pendragon	232		3.8	17.2
238	166	Perry Grp	165		5.5	9.0
218	136	Quicks Group	136	-1	4.8	14.3
163	97	REA	162		4.6	33.5
5½	2½	Reece	2½			
24	7½	Ross Gp	9		2.8	
42	32½	SEP Ind	34	+1	3.3	16.0
44	31	TLS Range	36		3.5	14.5
265	215	Time Products	238		4.7	15.8
221	158	Vardy (Reg)	158		3.6	14.9
335	248	Wholesale Ftgs	248		5.9	
30½	15	Wills Gp	15½	+½	4.0	8.7
69	40	Wyko	56		1.1	
96	68	Young (H)	68		6.1	72.7

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
202	148	Adwest	160		6.9	16.3
380	199½	Antofagasta	345		1.3	27.9
62	48	Armour	49½		4.5	
988	773½	Broken Hill	904	+11	2.3	36.4
401	298	BTR	311	+5½	5.0	16.4
570	372	BAT	458	+7½	5.6	12.0
91	49	Baby (J)	73		5.3	
57½	44	Brierley Invt	48½	+½	8.8	
39	10½	Cannon St	12½			4.8
836	636½	Charter	759		3.7	21.6
285	238½	Cookson	249	-3	3.3	22.5
302	217½	Hanson	232	-½	6.5	20.8
220	152	Harrisn Crsfld	169	+1	6.7	19.2
365½	240	Hench Whamp	289	+7	1.9	20.8
710	409½	Jardine Math	516½	+10½	2.8	11.8
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	30		4.2	29.3
175½	124½	Lonrho	159½	+3	3.1	43.8
44	16	Porter Chadburn	39			
705	522	Powell Duffryn	535	+1	5.5	15.2
164	118½	Raymart	128		7.3	14.5
488	337	Rothmans	432	+4	3.8	23.0
196	137	Sime Darby	170	+2	3.2	17.7
267	191	Smiths	191	-1	5.6	55.2
220	161	Suter	167		7.0	16.1
288	220	TT Group	246		2.3	
283	202	Tomkins	225	+3½	4.1	14.4
124	74½	Trafalgar H	83	+1½	1.5	
440	245	Unitate	295		3.6	15.2
324	246½	Wassall	287½	+2½	1.6	24.7
13½	9½	Widney	10			
414½	322	Williams Hldg	350	+3	4.7	21.6

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
787	537	East Midlands	685		4.1	54.1
866	566	Eastern Grp	806	+1	3.6	17.6
783	534	London Elect	725	+2	3.9	11.1
871	635	Manweb	816	-2	3.7	9.8
804	547	Midlands Elec	785		3.7	12.0
520	404½	National Power	503	+7½	3.1	12.5
864	589	Northern Elec	816	-1	3.8	10.2
421	329	Nthn Ireland	376	+2	3.8	10.2
850	587	Norweb	815	-1	3.5	10.7
602	449	PowerGen	558	+8	3.1	12.0
477	307	Hydro-Elect	323	-3	4.9	10.2
486	325	Scottish Power	357	+3	4.5	11.1
453	299	Seeboard	433	-2	3.4	11.5
840	591	Sth Wales	811		3.9	11.0
824	561	Sth Western	786		3.7	10.4
837	540	Southern Elec	822	+5	3.5	12.8
795	532	Yorkshire Elec	744	+1	3.9	14.5

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
109	63	Acorn Comp	97	-1		
198	163	Alba	182		3.4	15.0
50	25½	Amstrad	29	+½	2.2	
39	24	Arlen	32			
94½	78	Astec	84		1.3	17.2
261	118	[illegible]	134	+1	2.8	10.8
478	325	BICC	355	+2	6.8	22.4
283	239	Beales Hunter	366	-1	4.6	
16	7	Berkeley Bus	7	-½		
535	402	Blick	406		3.2	16.3
380	283	Bowthorpe	301		2.9	17.5
21½	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	17½		1.8	10.2
283	263	CML Micro	271		1.8	17.3
35½	24	Chloride	24½			67.9
117	81	Comptons	113		4.8	
202	154	Cray Elect	163	+2½	1.7	19.0
467	412	Crotchley	444		2.3	19.9
386	369	Danka Bs Sys	327		0.6	27.8
586	430	Delta	461	+1	4.0	19.7
560	400	Domino	515	+2	2.1	22.1
78	63	Dowding Mills	68		4.7	24.8
1836	1220	Druck	1460		0.9	27.2
3756½	2300	Electrolux B	3400	+50	1.6	57.3
45	21	Emess	31½	+½	0.4	
3943½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3915½		1.0	33.6
86	56	Eurocopy	64		3.5	18.9
451	345	Eurotherm	397		1.6	23.5
402	334½	Fairey Group	378	+1	2.1	20.0
283	192	Forward Gp	192	-3	3.3	11.5
58	14½	Forward Tech	44		2.1	9.1
353½	268½	GEC	288½	+6	4.7	14.5
191	164	Gestetner	187		2.8	
191	119	Graseby	145	-1	5.2	13.6
193	121	Ind Control	125		5.0	
385	335½	Kenwood Appl	329	-6	3.5	16.1
880	730	Kershaw (A)	880		3.9	40.5
165	38	Kode	71		7.0	
55	35	LPA Ind	47		4.3	
320	250	MTL Ins	316	-1	1.7	19.0
281	210	Memec-Sn	252		2.1	19.6
45	31	Microvitec	34			
494	185	Midel	235	+7		
148	109	Murray Ent	114		2.2	
31	23	Oxsys	23		2.8	
91	66	Pace Systems	70		6.3	25.3
98	74½	[illegible]	95		5.0	21.4
2175	1400	Philips Lmp	1984½	+40½	0.9	9.1
£115	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£119		5.2	
359	293	Pilco	354		7.6	29.3
344	283	Pilco 'A' Vtg	332		1.7	22.8
140	70	Plasmec	114		4.1	
129	96	Prestac	98	-10	3.6	
47½	17½	Prestwick	36			
363	191	Psion	252		1.4	17.7
291	181	Racal Elect	228½	-11½	2.3	19.3
53	32	Radamec	51		4.7	14.0
311	226	Rotork	227	-1	2.5	16.6
89	15	Scantronic	23	+½	4.6	
256	162	Scholes Gp	353		0.6	
49	35	Silvermines	37		2.7	22.0
54	63	[illegible]	63		4.3	14.3
104	41	[illegible]	46		10.1	7.2
19	11	TDS Circuits	11			
3225	2255½	TDK	2940½	-50	1.1	
170	80	Telemetrix	85		1.5	10.9
101	51	TGI	91		2.7	17.0
344	191	Tadpole	231	-2	0.9	49.0
246	132	Thorpe FW	236	-3	1.7	17.3
73	33	Total Systems	35			36.4
303	215	Tunstall	256		1.8	18.2
364	256	Unitech	358		2.3	28.0
16	9½	Vero	9			
483	395	Volex	395		5.7	17.3
200	66	Wakebourne	90	-1		
155½	93	Whitecroft	149	+1	1.7	25.6

ENGINEERING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
185	119	AIM	165	+7	3.4	44.0
132	60	APV	62	-3½	8.9	
220	157	ASW	158		4.0	
126	27½	Acre Hldgs	36	-1	12.0	2.6
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	16½		5.7	46.8
75	27½	Alvis	48	-1	2.6	33.4
175	156	Ash & Lacy	156		5.1	16.1
553	490	[illegible]	545		5.0	18.2
125	66	[illegible]	116		1.6	
51	24	BM Gp	44	-½		
40½	26½	Babcock	28			
175	138	[illegible]	138		6.1	21.2
95	64	Barnes (Charles)	85	+1	2.6	21.8
95	23	Beaufort	32			
226	122	[illegible]	151		4.4	9.4
360	262	Bodycote	313	-1	2.2	21.3
12½	4	Booth Ind	6½	+1		
25	15	Bronray	15½		4.0	15.3
171	120	[illegible]	156		3.2	
524	230	Br Aerospace	470	+6½	2.4	41.3
172½	121½	Br Steel	156½	-3½	2.8	12.6
125	85½	Bromsgrove Ind	88		6.4	11.3
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	12½	+½		
196	135	Bullough	152		5.0	25.0
79	55	Burnfield	72	-1	3.2	30.9
36	14	CI Group	15		2.3	
293	247	Carclo Eng	259		4.6	16.3
156	110	Castings	146		2.5	20.5
230	156	Cementation Hill	160		5.3	10.6
260	228	Chemring	253		1.1	14.5
262½	182	Clyde Blowers	196	-3		53.7
175	205	Cohen	235			14.5
689	403	Cobham	541		0.6	
263	178	Concentric	190		4.1	22.6
270	240	Cook (Wm)	249	-5	3.9	11.9
236	198	Cowie Group	215		7.8	15.2
97	70	[illegible]	73		6.0	15.4
442	364	Delta	388		4.5	15.5
101	99	Elliott (B)	101		3.5	15.0
118	66	Expamet	91		3.6	64.5
213	156	FKI	164	-1	2.8	19.0
218	109	Fenner	139		1.4	
45	31	Firth (G)	31			
96	74	[illegible]	74	-2	2.5	30.8
134	91	Gartons Eng	125		4.6	
404	352	Glynwed	350	-2	4.2	20.5
14½	10	Goodwin	13½		2.2	11.7
85	61	Haden MacLn	68		3.7	17.6
122	30	Hadfields	117		2.1	13.7
320	143	Hall Eng	151	+2	6.6	11.8
356	204	Halma	224	+1	1.3	26.3
73	47	Hampson Ind	50½		5.9	9.6
161	122	Hamrs (Philip)	140		6.1	17.3
48	26	Hay (Norman)	35			
194½	137	Hill & Smith	148		4.9	16.1
63	39	Hopkinsons	53		3.1	
71	27	[illegible]	37		2.4	
109	76	Howden	86½		2.5	13.9
265	157	Hunting	163	-9	7.4	20.0
515	402	Hunting Tec	433		1.6	19.7
379	286	IMI	321½	-1½	4.9	27.5
51	33½	Jenks & Cattell	36½	-½	2.2	
628	488	Johnson Matthey	581		2.2	23.1
32	25	Jones Stroud	30			
320	230	Keyley Ind	319		3.1	
235	205	Laird	235		3.7	14.5
20½	14	Locker (T) A	14½		1.7	
49	38	ML Hldgs	38		2.8	13.2
57	26	MS Intl	36		12.0	15.7
179	128	Mang Bronze	139	+3	3.6	10.8
533	412	McKechnie	418	+1	4.4	15.4
120	71½	Meggitt	78½	+1½	6.4	12.1
120	101	Metalrax	107		4.4	17.8
133	99	Metsec	131		2.9	18.2
589	519	Molins	519		3.8	10.4
408	310	Morgan Crucbl	323	-5	5.0	15.7
217	176	Morris Ashby	209		3.6	
51	34	Neepsend	36		4.3	16.8
128	53	Neotronics	54		8.0	11.7
60	48	Newman (L)	48			
64	45	OMI Intl	44½	-½	5.3	
358	277	Oxford Inst	330	+1	1.9	19.9
341	218	Powerscreen	267		3.5	11.8
23½	13½	Prospect Inds	14		7.3	7.5
108	60	Radiant Metal	75			
71	13	Ransomes	61	+½		
95	70	Record	85		5.3	19.1
309	268	Renishaw	294		2.9	25.8
185	126	Renold	182	+3½	3.1	25.1
73	51	Richards (Leics)	51		5.5	36.5
104½	79	Richardson West	79½		5.1	17.5
204	161	Rolls-Royce	178		3.5	31.8
195	156	Rotork	163	+2	3.4	16.6
190	134	Rubicon	135		4.3	15.2
150½	72	Senior Engt	81		5.2	13.2
270	245	Servomex	266		3.1	29.4
630	500	Siebe	557	+7	2.5	17.9
130½	73	Simon Eng	95	-1½		
82	35	Six Hundred	74		2.5	
1459½	1071½	SKF 'B'	1153½	+3½		
527½	411	Smiths Indt	460		3.5	17.7
458½	337	Spirax-Sarco	456½	+7½	2.7	19.5
287	197	Sterling Ind	234		3.4	21.0
456	345	TI	377	-6	7.8	20.9
121	92	Tinsley (E)	118		6.9	19.2
105	45	Transfer Tech	60		7.0	8.4
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	130		6.7	
18½	12	Uni Inds	16		0.8	
1398	980	VSEL	1382	+9	3.2	13.0
31½	12	Verson	16			
204	163	Vickers	186		2.4	13.7
327	234	Victaulic	235		4.3	12.9
19	9½	Villiers Grp	11			
522	451	Vibroplant	512		2.0	13.4
805	661	Vosper Thorny	743		3.0	16.1
527	451	Wagon Ind	463		4.8	23.6
354½	246½	Weir	280	+5	3.0	16.7
41	37½	Wellman	41	+½	2.7	66.9
548	377	Whatman	379		3.5	13.9
254	90	Whessoe	104	-1	9.9	7.9

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
86	31	AAF Inds	32			
156	108	Airflow Streaml	123		3.3	15.0
639	474	Avon Rubber	533		3.9	23.2
236	173	BBA	198	-6	2.8	
86½	57½	BSG	57½		7.0	35.9
18½	8½	Benson Group	9½		4.3	13.0
306	180	Bostrom	299		2.5	17.0
22	12½	Cavendale	12½		1.5	12.9
332	275	ERF	324		0.8	
346	296	First Tech	327		1.3	18.9
660	510½	GKN	631	-9	4.1	36.9
4387½	2350	General Mtrs	2412½	-21½	2.1	
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1090½	-10½	0.4	
444	340	Laird	367	-6	3.7	17.3
350	233	Lodges	350			
239	158	Lucas	200	-1	4.4	
64	53	Mayflower	54		3.2	22.0
124	69	Motorcar	74	-1		10.3
178	149	Syltone	152		3.8	17.9
261	203	T & N	218		6.2	19.0
333	263	Trinity Hldgs	312		2.6	22.5

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	549	+1	3.7	9.5
368	285	Acatos & Hutch	274		3.9	10.2
74	42	Albert Fisher	43		10.8	14.6
270	215	Banks (S C)	215		5.7	8.2
376	305	Barr (AG)	374		2.3	24.1
72	35	Bensons Crsp	39		6.9	
481	378	Booker	409		6.7	15.1
56½	48	Borthwick	51		3.2	21.8
212	156	CPL Aromas	202		1.9	19.3
545	407	Cadbury-Schwp	439	-1	4.4	14.5
232	145	Carrs Milling	209		2.7	11.3
167	130	Cranswick	151	-1	7.0	12.4
154	90	Dalepak	118		1.6	
545	389	Dalgety	419	-2	6.3	11.7
87	50	Daniels S	56		0.7	
294	210	Devro	215		3.6	14.5
101	52	Everest	56		5.6	21.0
8½	5	Farmgold	5			
85	68	Finlay (James)	70		7.4	9.5
20½	13	Global	13		4.8	11.8
68	38	Grand Central	48			
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	124	-1	6.8	7.7
196½	151	Hillsdown	175	-1	6.3	12.5
28	16	Hobson	25			
111	93	JLI Group	94	-1	6.4	13.2
408	313	Linton Park	399		5.5	11.4
127	85	Matthews (B)	122		2.8	14.7
181	162	Man ED & F	168		6.4	9.2
246	206	Nichols (JN)	238		3.1	15.3
271½	193	Nthn Foods	210	+5	5.2	10.2
14	9	Nthmbn Fs	12			
46	29	Pascoe's	29			
81	62	Perkins Food	74½		7.5	12.5
96	73	Sentry Farm	83		2.4	8.4
122	71	Sims Food	87	+6	11.0	
467½	332	Tate & Lyle	421	-2	3.9	10.7
238	145	Treat	210		2.4	17.1
434½	323	Unigate	356	-3	6.1	10.0
1247	958	Unilever	1132	+8	2.8	16.2
8118½	6496½	Unilever (NV)	7275	+12½	2.3	14.8
388	293½	Utd Biscuits	318	-5	6.0	26.0
21	6	Usborne	7			
49	33	West Trust	33		9.5	23.1
133	99	Yorkshire Food	114	-1	3.6	13.5

HEALTHCARE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
544	375	AAH	376		6.0	13.4
1141	888	Amersham	896	-7	2.2	18.7
81	43	Anagen	57			
297½	215	Assoc Nursg	215		1.2	12.6
393	243	Bespak	270		4.7	13.9
10	6	Care UK	6½			
115	60	Celsis	70			
151	68	Chiroscience	92			
47	40½	Cortecs	47			
297	232	Community Hr	246		4.0	14.2
44	30	CrestaCare	31		3.1	
146	96	Elvercrest	125	-1	0.2	
110	82	Ferraris Group	88		3.0	13.0
171	134	Goldsborough	135		3.0	15.2
15½	9½	Greencroft	10		4.2	13.3
185	39	Intercare Gp	41	-2	10.7	4.4
325	283	Isotron	295			
171	107	Life Sciences	145		3.5	14.1
152½	74	Lon Int	91			
80	41	Nestor-BNA	47		8.4	11.6
3	1½	Premier Health	1½			
330	227	Quality Care	265		2.1	15.4
210	145	Scholl	151		5.3	14.5
369	291	Seton Health	369	-2	2.4	17.7
52	34	Shield Diag	60			
159½	132½	Smith & Nephew	147	-3	4.3	16.3
21	9	Specialeyes	9			
292	193	Takare	214		1.2	18.6
313	[illegible]	UniChem	[illegible]		[illegible]	13.0
400	294	West Hillcare	337	-3	1.7	

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
312	223	Airsprung	244		2.8	15.2
192	115	BLP Group	128		2.7	45.1
29	16	Bilston Batrsea	20			
161	55	[illegible]	35		7.5	21.3
295	130	Creighton	159		8.1	13.4
162	133	Denby Group	135		2.3	17.8
168	115	Gaskell	145		3.7	
14	4½	[illegible]	5			
231	166	[illegible]	165		3.5	12.5
335	259	[illegible]	263		5.2	11.3
430	330	Osborne & Little	423	-5	1.9	15.4
625	439	[illegible]	457		3.3	13.2
595	413	[illegible]	434	-2	4.0	12.6
714½	526	Reckitt Colmn	574	-6	4.0	11.4
291	211	Relyon	257		2.6	46.9
373	154	Silentnight	219	-1	4.5	15.1
46	31	[illegible]	34		5.9	12.8
330	213	Tomkinsons	214		6.7	20.7
160	125	Victoria Carpet	129		2.9	7.2
114	97	[illegible]	104		3.1	11.8
63	44	[illegible]	54			
156	155	Wood (Arthur)	165		2.4	31.2

INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
1493½	837½	Alex & Alex	1225½	-12½	3.5	
2043½	1587½	Am Gen	1735½		4.2	
112	84½	Angerstein	86		1.7	72.6
86	47	Archer	47			
165	85	Bradstock	92			10.6
556	370	Britannic	409	-5		
117	86½	CLM Ins	88	-2		
701½	491	Comm Union	493	-3		39.7
108	95	[illegible]	95			
1950	1652	[illegible]	1770		2.1	17.9
84	33	FAI	33	-1		
221½	145	FBD Ir	164			7.5
194	145	Fenchurch	157	-1		15.0
114	95	Frizzell	95	-2½		60.6
757	535	Gen Accident	565	-19		9.1
247	161	GRE	162	-1	5.1	21.9
105	90	[illegible]	93		1.9	74.2
457	211	Heath C E	232	-13	2.6	
235½	187½	[illegible]	196½			7.4
114	56	[illegible]	[illegible]			
323	259	[illegible]	[illegible]		4.5	5.6
241	172	Irish Life	175	-1	5.5	15.7
205	124	JIB Group	[illegible]			
547	407	Legal & Genl	[illegible]	-4	5.0	
1459½	962½	[illegible]	[illegible]	+34½		
119	91	London Ins UK	[illegible]			
310	157	London Pacific	[illegible]			
471	322	Lndn Accd	[illegible]			
185	159	Lombard Ins	[illegible]			
443	308	Londn & Man	316			
119	91	London Ins Mkt	[illegible]			
256	156	Lowndes Lmb	[illegible]		6.1	3.3
5897½	4556½	Marsh Mclen	[illegible]	+13½		
210	64	Minet Hldgs	[illegible]			
132	147	Nelson Hurst	[illegible]			
106	76	New London Cp	61	-2	0.6	
129½	109	[illegible]	[illegible]			
99	76½	Premium Trust	[illegible]			
124	101½	Premium Units	[illegible]			
385	271	Prudential	[illegible]	-2½		
93	71	PWS	35			
404	201	Refuge	[illegible]			
359	232½	Royal	[illegible]	-5		
222	135	Sedgwick	[illegible]			
155	104	Steel Burrill	[illegible]			
37	54	Sturge Hldgs	[illegible]			
429	295	Sun Alliance	[illegible]			
107	31	[illegible]	54			
56	51	Trade Indemnity	[illegible]			
463	332	Transatlantic	[illegible]			
672	448	US French	[illegible]			
245	123	Willis Corroon	[illegible]		6.0	
28	20	Windsor	23			

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
236	200	3i	221	-½	3.3	
106½	79½	Abtrust Emerg	87½			
110	86	Abtrust High Inc	[illegible]		8.2	
290	205	Abtrust N Dawn	225	-2	1.9	
2058	1703	Alliance	1759	+12	3.4	
293	249½	American Trust	265	+4	2.5	
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	419	-5	2.1	
196	148	Baillie Gifford SN	150	-2		
219	173	Bankers	164	-1	2.6	
75½	45½	Baring Em Eur	46½	-1½	0.3	
381	311	Baring Tribune	326	-3	3.5	
248	198	Berry Starq	220		1.2	
215	162	Biotec Inv	164	-1		
120½	91	Br Assets	96½	+1½	5.7	
98	89	Br Empire Sec	92½	+½	1.3	
46	31	Br Empire Wts	37			
234	188	Br Inv	213	+1	2.8	
97	63½	Brazilian	97	+½	0.3	
272	221	Brunner	236		2.8	
161	117	BZW Conv	130½	+2½	7.5	
363	310	Candover	325		4.3	
65	50	Central Euro Gwth	55	+½		
271	180	China & Eastern	185	+2	2.4	
223	191	Cont Asset	191		2.0	
95	81	Dance Inv Inc	81		12.3	
328	268	Derby Cap	283	+3		
173	147	Derby Inc	160		12.3	
100	73	Drayton Blue	75		14.0	
111	84	Dryton Eng Int	92		1.1	
156	128	Dryton Far East	143½	+3	0.6	
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	630	+1	5.2	
108	85	Dunedin Japan	89	-½		
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	306		3.7	
80	38	Dunedin Wts	40	+½		
837	725	Dundee Wde	760	+2	1.6	
390	281	Edinburgh	303	+2	3.7	
53½	42½	Edinburgh Incst	51	+½		
122	92½	EFM Dragon	113½	+1½		
179	139	EFM Japan	162	+1		
354	286	Electra Inv	329	+1½	2.7	
220	185	Electric Gen	195	+1½	2.1	
201	169	Eng & Caledon	181		2.8	
127	106	English Scot	110½			
345	286	European Asset	294		2.0	
174	145	Fidity Euro Va	157		0.2	
103½	84	Fidity Jap Val	85	+½		
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	156	+1	2.4	
86	73	First Spanish	73		0.4	
343	276½	Fleming Amer	299	+4	0.5	
145	75	Fleming Chinese	82½	+1½	0.8	
267	196	Fleming Claverhs	209	+1	3.3	
385	302½	Fleming Contl	317		8.9	
264	190	Fleming Ento	208	+2	2.9	
459	327	Fleming F East	354	+3	0.5	
422	350	Fleming Fledg	380	-1	1.0	
120	89	Fleming Hi Inc	99		5.6	
109	90	Fleming Indian	93	+1		
52½	36	Fleming Intl	38½	+½	11.7	
284	223	Fleming Japan	249	+1		
347	263½	Fleming Merc	280	+1	3.0	
347½	280½	Fleming Overs	289½	+1½	1.8	
92	36	Fleming Wts	39	+1		
159½	126½	Foreign & Col	136	-3	1.6	
106	94	For & Col Inc Gwth	100	-2		
148	106½	Frgn Emg Mkts	128½	+1½	0.3	
77	64½	Frgn Enterprise	71	+½	1.1	
261	216	Frgn Eurotst	229		0.7	
145	114	Frgn German	123	+1	0.5	
374	307	Frgn Pacific	320	+4	1.0	
144	116	Frgn PEP	122		3.6	
192	159½	Frgn Smaller	164½	-½	1.5	
120	91	Frgn US Smlr	100			
28½	21½	Fulcrum Cap	25			
54	46	Fulcrum Inc	47	-1	23.0	
142½	134½	Fulcrum Zero	138½			
213	191	Gartmore Brit	193		2.4	
151	124	Gartmore Euro	135		0.8	
130	92	Gartmore Shdt	92		13.0	
128	103	Geared Inc Inv	109		9.5	
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	152	+2		
115½	105	Genl Inc	108		10.4	
151	101	Gov Emg Mks	122	+1	0.3	
191	138	Govett Am Smr	146	+2		
96½	80	Gov Glob Smr	86			
112	78	Govett High Inc	84		7.0	
429	349	Govett Oriental	336	+3	0.4	
346	231	Govett Strategic	237½	+3½	3.6	
475	410	Greenfriar	416		2.6	
19	19	Gresham House	19			
303	237	GT Japan	237		0.7	
155	119	H Govett Smlr Cos	122		1.0	
138	113	Hend High	115		6.2	
293	257	Hend Strata	281		0.6	
106	86	Herald	93	+1		
116	88½	HTR Jap Smaller	106	+1	0.5	
27	13	I&S Ent	14			
119	94	I&S UK Smlr	110	+3	3.2	
158	122	Inv Capt	127		5.1	
99	90	[illegible]	90			
50	30	Inv Wts	37			
177	126	INVESCO Korea	154	+1		
122	88½	J Fry 2nd U	97	+1	8.4	
190	94	J Fry Euro U	96		6.2	
255	187	JF Fledg Jap	221½	+1½		
121	108	Jupiter Intl Gn	108		3.9	
243	195	Kiwi Chrt	205	+4	3.1	
149	115	Kiwi E Mkt	130	+1		
124	105	Kiwi Ent	110			
88½	75½	Klnwt Euro Prv	78½	-1		
49	27½	Klnwt Euro Wts	25½			
116	82	Klnwt H Inc	92	+1	11.5	
272½	226	Klnwt O'seas	233	+5	1.8	
165	129	Klnwt Smlr	128		3.0	
201	129½	Lazd American	154½	+2		
826	672	Law Debenture	730	+1	3.3	
129	96	Lazard H Inc	100		3.0	
97	79	Lloyds Sm Cap	79			
35	29	Lloyds Sm Div	29		15.3	
129	107	Lloyds Sm Prg	108		4.1	
174	141	Lon St Lawrence	157		5.0	
247	208	Lon & Strathclyde	279		3.4	
108	81	Lon Smaller Co	82½	+½	4.8	
334	265	Lowland	287		4.1	
1440½	987½	Lydenburg	1471½		1.9	
620	495	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	500	-2		
151	127	M&G 2nd Dual Inc	135		22.2	
2773	2440	M&G Dual Cap	2605	-17		
353	295	M&G Dual Inc	293		30.3	
77	54	M&G Inc Geared	69		9.0	
34½	26½	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	30½	-½		
45	38	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	39		15.7	
137	117	M&G Inc Package	112		5.2	
59	50	M&G Inc Zero Div	53	+½		
36½	27½	M&G Rec Cap	32			
72½	62	M&G Rec Geared	65	+½	7.5	
37½	32	M&G Rec Inc	32½		14.7	
161	129	M&G Rec Package	132		7.6	
80½	68	M&G Rec Zero Div	69	-½		
128	99	M Currie Euro	110		0.3	
180	133	M Currie Pac	145	-2	0.7	
227	190	Majedie	197		3.4	
57	42	[illegible]	52			
125	38	[illegible]	105	-1		
324	257	Merchants	268	+1	5.2	
90	79½	Mercury Euro Pr	84	-½		
46	38½	Mercury Inc	30½			
52½	35	Mercury Wld Wts	38			
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	520	-2	1.7	
158	127	[illegible]	134		4.6	
64	43	[illegible]	43			
111	87	Morg Gth Amer	102			
65	39	Morg Wts	55			
148	109	Murray Ex	114		2.2	
68	54	Murray Euro	59		0.6	
370	317	Murray Income	330	-1	4.5	
326	279	Murray Intl	331	-2	3.9	
162	153	Murray S/C DP	158	+½		
174	135	Murray S/C Cap	140			
97	82	Murray S/C Inct	82		16.2	
3400	2850	Murray S/C Ult	3050		4.3	
548	424	Murray Smll	484	+2	1.1	
363	302½	Murray Vent	309		4.7	
58	33	Murray Ent Wts	33			
23½	16	Murray Eu Wts	17½			
58	16	Newmarket	16			
95	60	Nthbrog Inc	60		9.0	
104	65	Nthbrog Cap	75	+1		
404	333	O'seas Inv Tst	354	+1	1.2	
241	179	O'seas Wts	204	+2		
640½	433	Pacific Assets	542	+5	0.3	
542	335	Pacific Wts	439	+8		
120	89	Perpetual Jap	102½			
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8700		2.8	
153	124	Pilot Inv	125		1.6	
96	91	Piper Euro Sm	92			
189	164½	R/T Cap Plan	183	+1	7.0	
38	29	River Merc Am Cap	29			
121	104	River Merc Am Inc	104		9.5	
17	13	River Merc Am Wts	13½			
150	118	River Merc Cap	119	+1		
147	91	River Merc Et Inc	93		10.5	
49	14	River Merc Ex Inc Wt	17			
116	85	River Merc Gtd Inct	85		11.1	
36	23	River Merc Gtd Prf	27	+½		
127	113	River Merc Tst Inc	113		10.2	
40	22	River Merc Wt	22½			
170	118	River Merc Sm Co	132		4.2	
77	31	River Merc Sm Wt	35			
449	405	Robeco	412		3.1	
483	415	Rolinco	420		1.9	
124	68	Schrod Jap	71			
98	87	Schrod Jap Gwth	88	+1		
82	40½	Schrod Jap Gwth Wt	41	+½		
38½	1½	Schrod Jap Wt	71½			
1112½	761½	Schrod Korea Fd	979½	+1½	0.1	
650½	411	Sch Korea Fd Wt	489½	+½		
113½	103	Sch Spl Zero Div	105½	-½		
37	27½	Sch Splt Fd Cap	31	+½		
129	108	Sch Splt Fd Inc	113		8.5	
99	86	Schrod UK Gwth	94			
42	33	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	39			
262½	208	Scot	213½	+3	2.9	
183	150½	Scot American	156	+1	3.8	
388	238	Scot Asian	290	+2		
1070	663	Scot Wts	803			
97½	77	Scot Eastern	83	+1½	2.4	
264½	205	Scot Mtgs	222	+3	2.3	
196½	91½	Scot Nat Tst	93	+½	10.1	
133½	104	Scot Value	107		2.4	
1795	1515	Second Allnce	1545	+13	3.4	
106	77½	Secs Tst of Scot	82	+1	6.0	
179	148	Selective Asset	158	+1	1.1	
161	128	SHIRESCOT	133	+1	5.1	
51½	35	Sphere Inv	36	+1	13.4	
343	290	St Andrew Inv	306	+1	3.2	
412	310	Temple Bar	344	+5	5.0	
135	102	Thornton Asian E	109	+1	0.6	
566	468	Throg Dual Cp	488			
101	71½	Throgmorton	74½	+½	3.9	
164½	116	Triton Eng Mkt	122	+1½	0.7	
177½	133½	TR City Of Lon	147	+½	4.5	
206	149	TR Far East	159	+1½	4.3	
124½	86	TR Pacific	119	+2	0.2	
43½	32	TR Property	34½		3.3	
228	179	TR Smr Cos	186	+2½	2.6	
152	106	TR Tech Inv	109	+1	2.0	
405	180	Turkey Trust	208	+2	1.8	
269	233	USDC Invest	241		2.3	
129	108½	Value Inc Tst	117	+½	4.5	
109	65	Wigmore	68			
257½	206	Witan	229½	+1½	3.2	
113	104	Yeoman Inc	107		15.7	

LEISURE & HOTELS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
131	81	1st Choice	121	+2	3.6	
40	26	[illegible]	34			
578½	416	Airtours	438	+18	2.6	15.2
46½	18	Ald Leis	18			
177	140	Alpha Airport	140	-1	3.6	
48	36	Arcadian	40			
131	85	[illegible]	111		3.8	19.1
333	257	Barr & W 'A'	257	-2	4.9	10.7
250	135½	Bluebird Toys	231	-2	3.2	6.9
365	231	Boosey Hwks	338		1.9	20.0
7½	2½	Brent Walker	3			
200	100	Bristol Scotts	183		2.0	
7½	1¼	Buckingham Int	1½			
247	114	Chrysalis	236	+1	1.7	
94	74	City Centre Rest	78	+1	2.9	15.8
374	305	Compass Gp	323	+7	2.6	19.0
298	232	Eurocamp	259		4.8	10.7
213	78	Euro Disney	110	-5		
4	2½	Euro Leisure	2½			
455	308	Fairline Boats	435		3.4	30.3
350	245	First Leisure	250		3.3	16.6
285	209½	Forte	233		4.0	27.6
207	169	Friendly Hotels	178		4.0	29.8
79	49	GR Hldgs	55		2.5	
599	475	Granada	530	+8½	2.2	30.5
96	34	Hi-Tec Sports	41		8.5	6.0
216	176	Hornby	180		6.2	15.7
173½	142½	Jarvis Hotel	157		4.4	14.0
18½	11½	Kunick	14½	-½		
275	200	London Clubs	275	+10	5.4	14.0
217½	145	Ladbroke	155	-2	2.8	27.3
104	66	Magnolia	66		0.2	
702	539	Man Utd	637		4.1	
109½	74½	[illegible]	82½	-3	3.8	21.7
15	13	My Kinda Town	13½			
67	34	[illegible]	64	+1	5.9	10.6
102	65½	Pelican Gp	92		1.5	
141	109	PizzaExpress	135	-1	2.0	19.2
183	120	Prism Leisure	130		4.4	8.5
43	25	Quadrant Grp	35			
278	205	Ransomes (H)	257		2.2	38.7
447½	355½	Rank Org	415	+5	3.8	26.6
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels	26½		4.9	15.1
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	938		0.5	
92	60½	Stakis	82½		1.8	29.7
350	296½	Stanley Leisure	340		1.9	19.2
345½	280	Tarpong	280		0.7	15.7
1165	959	Thorn EMI	1001	+1	4.2	20.4
167	75	Tottenham Hot	128	+1	1.0	34.3
154½	129	VCI	154½	+1½	1.7	13.8
149	112	Vardon	121	-1	1.2	21.4
15	5½	Wembley	6½			
149	110	Zetters Gp	134		7.9	



MEDIA

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
365	270	Abbott Mead	346		2.1	31.3
355	198	Adscene	285	+2	2.9	20.4
33	17½	Aegis Gp	26			
11½	5½	Allied Radio	9½			
26	15	BBB Design	15			7.7
235	183	Barbour Index	183		5.8	15.0
13½	6½	Birkdale	6½	-½		
345	330	Black (A&C)	335		5.0	12.1
402	213	[illegible]	282		5.3	9.0
205	133	Border TV	175		2.9	14.6
413	365	[illegible]	376		4.1	35.0
169	117½	CIA Gp	135		1.6	21.8
439	328	Capital Radio	348	+2	2.3	30.2
1047	797	Carlton Comm	890	+15	2.7	19.7
99	78	City of Lon	92	-1	6.0	14.0
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1359½		1.4	31.8
1494½	888½	Daily Mail 'A'	975		1.9	22.8
314	260	Dorling Kindr	288		1.4	
469	355	EMAP	386	+3½	2.7	24.5
848½	538	Elsevier	848½	+29½	3.0	21.0
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1838		3.3	
17½	8	[illegible]	12			
485	309	Flextech	478	+3		
1033	675	GWR Gp	872	-2	1.5	31.6
275	170	Gold Greenlees	170		3.9	20.5
34	23	Goodhead	24		0.3	
356	228	Grampian	335		2.6	17.9
172	108	HTV Group	144		1.5	32.2
194	32	Harrington K	40		3.1	
515	328	Haynes Pub	383	-5	2.8	22.8
408	328	Hodder H'line	328		2.8	20.6
180	120	Home Counts	174	-1	3.6	42.6
340	273½	Independent	298		2.6	9.9
237	161	Ind Bus Comm	219		2.6	10.0
162	119	Infoport	124		7.9	
167½	137½	Johnstone Press	151	-1	1.6	21.2
33½	20½	Lopex	21		1.5	23.7
110	43	MAID	48			72.9
482	338	Metal Bulletin	482	+2	2.9	25.1
177½	123½	Midland Ind	128	+2½	2.8	17.2
203	128	Mirror Gp	147	+2	6.9	7.8
431	344	More O'Ferrall	349	-1	4.7	20.2
343	242½	News Corp	254		0.8	18.2
314	224	News Intl	243	-1	0.7	12.9
60	31	Osprey Comms	31		0.4	
735	552	Pearson	617	-½	2.7	21.2
440	210	Phonelink	229			
760	605	Portsmth Sund	608		3.2	15.9
339	253	Quarto	253		3.0	13.8
954	722	Reed Int	787	+14	3.1	23.8
539½	424	Reuters	464	+9½	1.8	24.2
178	127	Saatchi	160	+4		31.2
628	395	Scot Radio	583		2.3	22.8
574	355	Scot TV	435	-1	3.6	29.3
40½	20½	SelecTV	25			
57	30½	Shandwick	45		1.2	6.8
249	187	Southnews	247	-2	2.6	32.4
200	136	Sterling Pub	136		3.3	11.6
153	125	Sunset & Vine	130		3.8	
40½	25½	Taylor Nelson	35½		2.2	21.4
622	310	Telegraph	338		4.8	11.9
885	695	Thomson Corp	735	+18	5.1	38.7
472	378	Trinity Intl	379		3.3	17.5
780	510	Ulster TV	704		2.9	21.6
731	479	Utd Newspapers	529		5.4	12.8
161	115	VTR	128		3.9	30.3
38½	22½	WMGO	22½		2.8	11.0
129	83½	WPP	114		1.1	16.3
400	150	Yorkshire TV	395	+6		

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
115	65	Alex Corp	100		3.4	6.8
3560	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3162½		3.0	18.6
3762½	2505½	Ang Am	3758½	+53½	1.9	35.2
7331½	4593½	Ang Am Gold	6856½	+71½	4.0	17.9
36	25	Anglo Pac Res	25½			
1512½	1196½	Ashanti	1393½	+15½		
166	122	Ashton	125	+3	4.2	
998	773½	Broken Hill	904	+11	2.3	36.4
404	275	Beatrix	285	-1		
481	294½	[illegible]	448½	+½	4.8	25.1
39	34	Bisichi	35		2.4	30.2
184	90½	Blyvoors	134½	+2		
64	30	Bougainville	45			
37	12½	Bracken	17½		5.1	
898	580½	Buffels	639½	-3	8.6	
968	745½	CRA	845	+10	2.5	26.3
77	45	Central Pacific	52			
143	28½	Coal Inv	88	+3		
300	65	Cons Murchison	244		2.8	
1750	1318½	De Beers	1531½	+6½	3.5	18.0
148	88	Deelkraal	109½	+½	3.3	9.5
101½	30½	Doornfontein	71½	+2½		
1036½	665½	Driefontein	983½	+1½	4.4	14.3
941½	549½	Durban	900½	+17		
209½	107	E Rand Gold	168	-3	12.3	5.4
122½	59½	E Rand Prop	83			
75	48	Eastern Trans	75	+10	3.4	16.1
513	300½	Elandsrand	472	+3	3.4	10.8
447½	320	Eng China Cl	352	+3	5.8	17.0
1239	741½	FS Const	975½	+9½	6.0	11.9
82	27½	FS Dev	70		1.8	
1981½	1193½	GFSA	1981½	+31½	1.9	29.2
80½	53½	GM Kalgoorl	58	+2	2.8	20.6
239½	108½	Gencor	239½	+3½	1.2	28.9
128	75	Gold Fields Prop	118		7.9	
157	85	Gopeng	113	+18	0.2	
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	17	-½		
202	105½	Grootvlei	164½	+4½	5.8	8.6
92	67	Gwalia Cons	91½	+½	1.0	11.1
680½	319½	Harmony	580	-2½		
430	268½	Hartbes	308½	+½	9.3	8.9
1531½	831½	Impala Plat	1509½	+3½	1.7	48.2
230	122	Kidston	150		6.0	13.5
1315½	890½	Kinross	1112½	+3½	4.4	15.3
1094½	568½	Kloof	1007	-18½	3.2	10.4
137	69½	Leslie	117	+1½	9.2	6.8
368½	176½	Loraine	380½	-2½		
30	17	[illegible]	20			
3	2½	[illegible]	3			
162	118	MIM	121	+3	2.0	
1762½	1605½	Minorco	1650		2.2	
324	158	Monarch	197	+2		
202½	88	NSM	95	+6		10.9
391½	146½	Nth Brkn Hill	159	+7	3.3	23.4
94	45	Oryx Gold	94			
101	69	Pancontinental	79	+3		
463	255	Petaling Tin	310	+25	0.4	
199	132½	Placer Pac	177	+1		
9½	4½	Premier Land	5			
425	317	RJB	#348		4.4	16.8
905	790	RTZ	850	+20	3.0	24.5
49	34	[illegible]	34			
650	187½	Rand Mines	650		1.7	
840½	547½	Randfontein	667½	+1	7.5	8.3
295	207	Renison	234			
1805½	1078½	Rustenbg	1731½	+25	1.7	
112	70	St Barbara	73	-1		
756	539½	St Helena	647½	+1	6.8	
280	195	Sons Gwalia	268	+5	4.6	16.8
30	16	Sthern Pacific	18			
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	1934½	+3½	4.5	22.2
5	3	[illegible]	4			
143	73	Stilfontein	104½	+½	20.7	3.5
281½	80	Unisel	202½	-4½	2.9	15.4
7600	4943½	Vaal Reefs	6126½	+25	4.2	10.0
23	7½	Wankie Col Z	15		8.3	3.6
545	450	[illegible]	532	+3	2.6	20.8
1213½	508½	Western Areas	1137½	+7½	6.3	10.6
3575	2050	Western Deep	2893½	-28½	3.5	10.3
398	300½	Western Mng	359	+10	1.1	55.5
1225	603½	Winkels	931½		5.1	13.6
66	47	Zambia Copper	48			
68	48	Zandpan	58		8.6	11.7

OIL & GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
40	24½	Aran Energy	40	+½		24.2
53	35	Arcon Intl	40	+1		
74½	51½	Aus Oil & Gas	53½	+½		
68	43	Awco Pet	60			
249	197	Br Borneo	213		4.2	10.0
358	253	British Gas	303½	+9	6.0	
437½	340	Br Petroleum	427½	+9	2.8	23.4
4	1½	Bula Resources	2½			
919	811	Burmah Castrol	844	+1	4.1	16.8
84	56	Cairn Energy	83			45.7
375	258	Calor Gpt	284		5.5	13.7
51	33	Clyde Pet	40		1.1	
30	11½	Copley Res	11½			
16	1½	Dragon Oil	2			
27½	17	[illegible]	22			23.7
486	370	Enterprise	380	+4	5.3	
26½	21	Fairmown Ind	25		4.9	10.2
303	263	Flogas	285		3.0	11.8
8½	4½	Fortune	5½			
77	54	Goal Pet	65		2.8	21.6
47	31	Gt Western Res	44			
177	137	Hardy O & G	150		0.8	19.2
55	40	Kelt Energy	50		3.3	
169	110½	Lasmo	149½	+½	0.9	
73	48	Lasmo Units	52		18.8	
75	45	Monument	64			73.7
7½	3½	New London	4½			
2540½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2306½	+3½	1.4	
9½	3½	Oceonics	5	+½		
50	38	Oil Search	40	+2		
50½	17½	Petroz	26½	+½		
168	148	Pict Pet	148			
32½	21½	Premier	26			14.1
158	85	Presidio	85		7.8	
111	85	Pittencrieff Rs	90			
282	129	Ramco Egy	255	+35	0.2	
463	325	Ranger	380	+5	5.3	
7700	6681½	Royal Dtch Ft	6982½	+90½	4.6	18.2
4084½	3321½	Schlumberger	3562½	+37½	2.1	
68	43	Scott Pickford	52		2.2	
67	50	Seafield	66			
758	651	Shell	712½	+10	4.4	21.6
187	116	Sunrise Eng Sv	#116			
4237½	3481½	Total	3993½	+40½	4.5	
19	9½	Villiers Grp	11			
237	178½	Woodside	232	+4	1.7	
110	28	XCL	69	-1		

OTHER FINANCIAL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
165	79	BWD	83		5.6	7.6
136	98	Baltic Plc	123		2.0	7.8
185	83	Berry Birch Nblt	93		7.7	12.5
154	124	Brewin Dolphin	124		5.8	9.2
757	623	Caledonia	675	+4	3.0	18.7
2650	1900	Camellia	2262½		1.8	6.0
37	13½	Carlisle	#22½		1.4	
630½	449	Cater Allen	505		6.9	10.4
179½	125	Cattles	139		4.7	15.6
85	40	Christie	40			
80	60	Clayhithe	74		4.4	
16	12	EFG	14	+½	0.9	9.1
71½	45½	EFT Group	58½	-1½	3.7	12.3
735	513	EFM	734	+1	4.1	22.0
212	170	Exco	170		6.2	9.2
223	157	Gartmore	190	+3	2.6	22.0
515	395	Gerrard Natl	478		6.3	13.8
465	353	Govett	382		5.1	6.9
1306	845	Henderson Ad	1000	+12	5.7	13.7
251½	151	Invesco	177	+1	2.8	29.1
50	37	Investment Co	43		5.2	13.5
250	185	Ivory Sime	241		3.9	18.8
317	214½	Jardine Strat	234½	+4	3.4	9.9
428	150	Johnson Fry	157		1.2	
170	105	King Shaxson	113	+1	10.0	11.2
245	138	Lon Forfaiting	160		7.3	10.8
119	95	Lon Scot Bk	111		4.0	16.9
1243	794	M & G	985	+8	3.5	20.8
323	218	MAI	235	+3½	4.1	12.8
117½	87½	MAI 5.8% Cv Pf	88½			
770	538	[illegible]	633	+5	4.5	14.8
29½	8½	Nat Home Loan	18	+1		
1266	970	Perpetual	1185	+1	3.5	16.8
573	415	Provident	538	+5	4.1	17.1
365	247	Rathbone Bs	355		4.2	12.6
28	21½	Rutland Trst	26½		4.3	13.3
369	281½	S & U	318		4.3	10.3
425	187	[illegible]	190	-1	5.9	7.1
188	116	SJP Capital	130		3.9	7.8
488	324	Smith New Ct	359		3.5	3.0
684	431	Swire Pacific 'A'	474½	+8½	2.0	
224	130	[illegible]	130		4.3	11.2
65	25	[illegible]	28		6.7	12.7
199	87	Union	89		6.3	8.2
31	20	Western Selectn	25		1.2	

PHARMACEUTICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
615	311½	Brit Biotech	586	+1		
488	393	Cantab Pharms	393			
333	191	Celltech	222			
151	83	Chiroscience	95			
47	40½	Cortecs	47			
157	107	Fisons	130	+2½	2.6	
725	520	Glaxo	627½	+8½	3.4	15.1
185	95½	Grampian Hldgs	102		8.7	16.9
187	120	Medeva	173	+1	2.1	13.9
3	1½	Premier Health	1½	+½		
330	227	Quality Care	268		2.1	15.4
295	242	Scotia	285			
83	44	Shield Diag	60			
465½	357½	SmithKline	425	+6	3.6	16.6
421	322	SmithKline Ulst	386	+2	4.0	15.0
731	498	Wellcome	670	+½	3.2	15.2
873	672	Zeneca	886		4.0	17.4

PRINTING & PAPER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
184	133	AG Holdings	134	-1	5.3	
444	347	API	347		3.1	21.8
316	237	Arjo Wiggins	276	+2½	2.9	41.8
205	145	Aspen Comms	165		3.8	18.8
472	362	Bemrose	362		4.3	13.0
171	97	Blagden	110	-1	1.7	51.4
524	403	Bowater	455	+7	5.6	17.7
1865½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1618½	+9½		
297	248	Brunning	272			
515	436	Br Polythene	455		3.4	16.0
176	38	Br Thornton	38		18.7	3.3
180½	126	Britton Grp	126		2.5	18.6
186	138	Bunzl	165	+1	3.1	18.4
198	129	Capital Indst	160		3.5	12.5
2446½	1890½	Carnaud MB	2296½	+18½	2.1	17.9
430	294	Cowper (James)	294	-3	1.5	14.8
1034	825	De La Rue	1034	+31	2.6	18.7
114	78	Delyn Group	82		2.5	14.9
137	103	Dolphin Pack	105		5.4	13.5
101	75	Fairway Group	99	+4	4.4	18.5
430	302	Ferguson Intl	331		4.8	13.3
145	120	Ferry Pick	121		5.9	
30	3	Hunterprint	3			
230	150	Inveresk	151		4.1	9.1
265	249	Jarvis Porter	262		2.4	20.3
438	384	Low & Bonar	411	+1	3.1	16.4
70	45	MY Holdings	56		3.6	12.9
271	223	Macfarlane	264	-1	1.9	21.3
250	171	[illegible]	171	-1	5.1	24.4
820	613	[illegible]	725	+37	2.8	19.7
412	314	St Ives Grp	342		2.3	18.5
1111	464½	Sappi	1098	+1½	0.5	
30½	13½	Sarb	13½			
351½	192	[illegible]	204		6.7	10.1
573	386	Smith David	509		2.6	22.7
420½	274½	Smurfit (Jeff)	355		1.8	50.4
119	82	Sonic	88		3.9	9.4
35	18½	Unit Group	24			
270	182	Wace	236		2.1	15.1
291	209	Waddington (J)	228	+1	4.7	11.2
511	385	Watmough	390	+6	2.1	25.3
149	98	Wyndeham	146	-1	2.5	18.4

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
130	94	Allied Lon	96		5.1	12.3
276	253	Argent	262			
144	109	[illegible]	116	-1	2.4	38.5
382½	238	Bilton	245		4.9	17.8
238	238	[illegible]	238		3.2	17.5
29½	15½	[illegible]	18			
108	72	Bourne End	78		1.2	
276	177	Bradford	190	+9	4.8	15.7
137	103	[illegible]	107		4.4	24.2
474	388	Br Land	382	-1	2.5	33.5
278	177	Brixton	185	+1	5.5	16.4
118	86½	Burford	91		2.2	28.5
112	97	CLS Hldgs	97		6.3	
207½	123½	Cap & Regnl	142		1.4	32.1
229	191	Cap Shop Ctrs	203		4.0	48.9
335	213	Cardiff Prop	213		1.5	47.6
35	29	[illegible]	29½			
185	162	Chelsfield	158		1.9	83.6
678	475	Chesterfield	475	-6	3.3	21.9
112	69	Chesterton Int	88		4.4	13.1
84	38	City Site Ests	62			
12½	6½	Clarke Nickolls	7		1.6	14.6
67½	71½	[illegible]	77½		6.3	
56	30	Conrad Ritblat GS	32		2.0	28.0
1735	1280	Daejan	1280		2.8	15.0
25½	5	Dares Estates	6½	+½		
17	4	De Morgan	4½	+½		
158	98½	Debenham Twsn	102	-1	4.3	16.5
189	161	Dencora	163		2.5	46.8
347½	243	Derwent Hldgs	263		2.4	21.7
41	21	Development Sect	21½		0.6	
51	46	[illegible]	46			
53	25	[illegible]	31			
460	275	Estates Agency	325		4.0	39.3
47	23	Estates Gen	24			
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	102		3.1	17.8
43½	24	Ex-Lands	28	+½	2.0	
80	64	Fiscal Prop	65		1.2	
37	23½	Five Oaks	26		2.4	
78	45	Fletcher King	45		4.2	22.3
51	38	Folkes Group	42		4.5	
51	36	Folkes Group nv	38		4.8	22.1
538	407	Frogmore	431		4.9	15.8
325	228	Grainger	244		3.1	
260	174	Gt Portland	189	+8	4.5	31.8
226½	178	Greycoat	121			
84	39	[illegible]	44	-1	0.7	44.7
435	311	Hammerson	341	-5	3.7	34.2
350	298	Helical Bar	324		2.3	11.6
40½	28	Herringway	30		1.7	51.5
78	24	Hewing Baker	25		5.0	
48	45	High-Point	48		1.9	
268	144½	HK Land	163½	+3½	3.9	
311½	139½	Jermyn	154			77.1
792	588	Land Sec	623	+4	4.8	12.7
16	6	[illegible]	7			0.2
122	88	Lon Merch Sec	97		5.4	14.3
582	409	MEPC	418	-7	6.0	23.9
19½	8	McInerney A	8½			
190	164	McKay Secs	181		3.8	17.9
85	59	[illegible]	67		3.7	10.3
55	27	[illegible]	34		8.7	
1425	1156½	[illegible]	1200		2.3	11.9
198	144	Mucklow (A&J)	148	+2	5.3	19.8
2½	½	ORB	1			
64	30	Olives Prop	39	-1		11.2
191	148	PSIT	140	-1	4.1	19.8
399	235	Peel	236		2.4	
182	142	Pillar Prop	147		3.1	
12½	3	Power Corp	3			
77	56	RPS Group	68		4.8	12.3
15	31½	Regalian	34			8.3
40	23½	Regalian	25			9.9
188	140	Rowlinson Secs	165		1.4	10.5
134	108	Rugby Est	107		2.8	
64	45	St Modwen Prp	50		3.0	12.5
76	59	[illegible]	64	-1	5.3	18.8
100	57	Savills	57		4.8	9.2
108	74	Scot Mtg	74	-1	3.4	8.6
61	46	Secure Retire	48			
135	94	Shaftesbury	94			
307	219	Slough Estates	224	+4	4.8	47.9
103	55	Southend Prop	58		5.4	
133	103	Specty Shops	104		2.9	
50	10	Stanhope Prps	17			
39	34	TBI	35½			1.9
244	167	Tops Ests	167	-1	3.7	39.8
169	116	Town Centre	122		3.0	18.7
107	85	Trafford Park	86		4.6	
29½	15	[illegible]	17	-1		
58	28	UK Land	45			
317	214	Warner	215		8.5	20.7
269	218	Warnford	224		4.4	18.3
7½	1½	Waterglade	2			
103½	63	Webb	64			
45	29	[illegible]	37			
105	68	Wood John, D	68		3.7	
30	15	YRM	16			

RETAILERS, FOOD

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
68	59½	ASDA Group	66½	+1½	3.3	15.2
315	222½	Argyll	272	+2½	5.3	11.8
505	413	Brake Bros	497	+8	2.0	18.3
43	24	Budgen	25		5.0	15.8
17	11½	Cullens	14			
137	76½	Dairy Farm Int	89½	+½	4.4	11.3
394	344	Farepak	348		2.4	19.8
60	35	Fitzwilton	41		11.3	
188	87	Fyffes	104		1.7	17.8
371	176	Geest	178	-2	5.7	
1078	853	Greggs	1048		2.3	19.7
335	263	Greencore	383		3.2	11.6
211	178	Iceland Group	181		3.0	10.0
856	521	Kwik Save	560	+10	4.4	8.5
375	136	Low (Wm)	384		2.9	12.1
18	9	Merchant Retail	10			
149	98	Morrison (W)	142	+2	0.9	16.6
232	165	Nurdin Peack	166		5.0	9.2
146	88½	Park Foods	118		2.5	23.9
5½	1½	Regina Hlth	3½			
480	342	Sainsbury J	417	+7½	3.2	14.7
255	200½	Tesco	251½	+5	4.0	12.6
198	162	Thorntons	178		3.5	14.4
422	279	Watson & Philip	377		4.8	15.2

RETAILERS, GENERAL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
80	25	Alexon	38			
248	203	Allders	272½		3.6	15.6
410	307	Argos Plc	347	+8	3.8	18.3
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	81		0.2	
357	134	Asprey	146		5.2	7.2
246	178	Austin Reed	235		2.9	11.9
168	133	Beattie (J) 'A'	134		5.8	17.8
150	110	Bentalls	124		2.0	43.8
165	35	Betterware	50		7.0	5.4
48	39	Blacks Leis	36		0.8	
264	165½	Body Shop	218		1.2	18.2
601	497	Boots	525	+12	3.7	16.7
12½	2½	Brown & Jackson	2½			
263	219	Brown (N)	226	-2	2.3	20.8
74½	51	Burton	70	-2	3.5	32.9
245	153	Caskets	153		3.3	
304	220	Carpetright	242	+5	3.5	20.7
246	182	[illegible]	183	+4	1.5	28.8
520	388	Church	403		3.4	24.6
171	98	Clinton Cards	101		5.8	14.7
178	81	City Centre	91		3.5	35.1
883	720	Courts Furnshn	755	+6	1.8	38.4
210	155	Crown Eye	168		7.4	7.0
353	245	DFS Furniture	257	+3	3.5	
267	178	Dixons Grp	190½	-1	4.3	20.2
580	539	[illegible]	580		3.6	27.2
11½	7½	ERA Gp	7½		3.2	
284	167	Essex Furnt	168		3.7	14.5
320	217	Etam	284		4.1	13.4
558	434	Fine Art Dev	434	-1	4.1	13.4
68	46	[illegible]	67			
106	74	Flying Flowers	74		1.8	14.3
278	124	[illegible]	243			10.5
264	205	Frost Group	230		2.9	23.3
66	49	[illegible]	60		3.1	21.4
133	85	Goldsmiths Gpt	133		1.2	23.8
653	524	GUS	571	+17	2.8	16.8
196	164	Hamleys	174	+3	3.4	16.7
31	21	Hampton Grpt	23		5.4	66.2
227	173	Hse of Fraser	185½	-1½	3.4	16.7
95	68½	Hughes (T)H	82		3.9	13.5
778	454	Kingfisher	478	+6	3.9	12.6
276	156	[illegible]	156		0.8	34.6
335	325	Liberty	330		1.8	
380	277	Lloyds Chemt	302		3.9	9.7
184	125	MFI	143	+4	3.5	17.9
460½	380	Marks Spencer	407½	+6½	2.8	18.1
680	495	Menzies (John)	501		2.9	12.3
377	236	Moss Bros	251		3.0	13.9
275	214	Next	251	+6	2.4	15.4
58	20	OEM	27	-2		
96	28	Oliver (G)	94	+3		29.1
113	80	Partridge Fine	80		4.5	10.8
37	12	Pentos	18½			
288	165	QS Hldgs	185		3.9	18.1
62	20	Ramar Grp	20		3.1	78.0
288	140	Rosebys	140		4.2	16.4
132	99½	Sears	109	-2	4.3	18.5
46	18½	Signet Group	18½	-2½		8.4
549	427	Smith WH	459	+6	4.2	23.7
1359	738	Sotheby's	775	+5	3.6	33.4
282	199	Storehouse	217	+2	3.2	19.3
181½	151½	Stylo	166		2.8	11.2
198	146	T & S Stores	165	+8	4.7	11.7
173	114	Tie Rack	136	+2	1.6	16.2
599	384	Vendome	513	+3	1.4	39.4
70	20	VEW Group	30½		2.8	
93½	32	Wld of Leather	80		1.1	
195	138	Wyevale	155		3.7	16.4

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
683	540	Allied Domecq	609	+12	4.6	14.9
459	358	Bulmer (HP)	385		3.5	22.2
140	105	Burn Stewart	124	+3	6.0	27.3
506	375	Grand Met	413	+4	4.0	17.9
542	428	Guinness	469	+2½	3.5	15.4
457	353	Highland Dist	426	+7	2.2	19.2
322	137	Macallan-Glen	208	-2	8.7	54.5
885	505	Macdn Mrtn 'A'	675		1.8	27.7
614	515	Matthew Clark	522	+4	4.3	12.2
250	98	Merydew W	99		3.2	
190	142	Taunton Cider	152		5.4	11.6

SUPPORT SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
187	96	ACT Group	97½	+½	6.7	9.1
743	583	ADT	730	-18		
48	34	Alphameric	42			32.0
140	89	Apollo Sec	76			9.9
182	99	BET Ord	108	-½	4.0	15.4
195	115	BNB Rest	184		2.4	21.5
255	175	BPP	216	+1	5.1	15.6
186	133	BSM	137		5.9	11.7
1½	½	Black & Edg	½			
1100	637½	Bowland	650			
228	159	Brit Data Mgt	181	-1	3.7	
79	57	Brooks Service	64		3.4	
117½	87	CBT Grp	87½		4.6	21.5
238	156	Capita Group	163	-2	2.1	20.8
423	282	Chubb Sec	325	+3	2.4	20.0
228	105	Compel People	228		1.4	51.9
85	41	Corp Services	50		0.5	22.2
87	48	Coutts Cnsltg	52½		1.0	
278	212	Davis Service	225		4.5	15.1
83	66	Dudley Jenkns	67		8.1	14.8
154	95	EW Fact	96		6.4	7.2
199½	135	[illegible]	138		1.7	12.8
334	261	Hays	294	+1	2.6	20.0
389	202	Hogg Robinson	202		4.4	14.7
39	18	Holmes Protecta	27			1.6
15	8	Int Cm & Data	12			6.1
2695½	1684½	ISS B DK	1745½		0.8	1.9
165	129	JBA Hldgs	129		2.3	13.1
414	249	Johnson Clean	251		5.4	18.2
145	88	Kalamazoo	137		3.4	15.6
298	221	Kewill Sys	260	+3	2.2	12.2
35	15	Laser-Scan	19			
143½	68	LBMS	96			
8	4	Lep	4½			
321	266	Logica	298		2.1	21.0
264	96	MDIS	134	+2	6.8	9.4
194	143	MMT Comp	193	+1	3.4	
216	110	MR Data Mngt	120	+1	5.8	
438	423	Macro 4	438		5.7	12.3
1885½	1157½	Manpower	1809½	-28½	0.2	
1330	790	Micro Focus	993	+25		10.9
178	112	Microgen	112	-1	8.1	14.2
546½	423	Misys	423		2.4	
194	141½	Mitie Gp	189	+2	1.5	22.1
38	22	Novo Group	22	-1	1.1	
33	24	OIS Intl	24		8.9	4.5
82	80	P & P	73		3.9	16.1
115	65	Michael Page	105		2.7	25.8
143	90	[illegible]	135		3.4	15.3
235	155	Pegasus	155	-5	4.0	15.6
115	83	Penna	84			
69½	60½	[illegible]	69	-2	6.3	11.8
415	290	RCO	330		5.8	11.4
60	27	Radiex	38		1.2	
169	73	Real Time	150		3.3	11.4
177	104	Reed Executive	154		0.6	
170	105	Reliance Sec	153	-2	3.8	
279	159½	Rentokil	236	+2	1.6	24.3
294	138	Ricardo Group	145		5.2	17.8
215	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	215	+6	2.3	33.4
678	507	Sage Gp	868	+8	2.1	
392	243	Salvesen (C)	293		8.6	14.8
84	77	Sanderson Elec	78		4.6	
17½	8	Select App	13½			
438	310	Serco Gp	432		1.0	26.0
307	243	[illegible]	295		1.5	28.9
130	75	Shared Cmp	94			
139	83	Sketchley	86	-1	4.1	16.3
254	182	[illegible]	182		6.3	17.3
146	100	[illegible]	105			
91	20½	Vistec	21		2.4	11.4
65	37	WSP Hldgs	51		4.7	29.3
338	322	[illegible]	322	-3	3.1	15.1

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
486	353½	BT	391	+3½	5.6	13.6
543	380	Cable Wireless	393½	+10	2.7	16.0
1543	1146	Securicor	1468	+15	0.3	35.3
1089	785	Securicor 'A'	980	+19	0.4	24.0
892	606	Security Serv	784	+14	0.9	24.5
221	157½	Vodafone	221	+3½	1.6	28.9

TEXTILES & APPAREL

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
138	84	Albion	87		5.7	4.3
230	146	[illegible]	147		4.9	15.7
515	488	Allied Text	507	+1	3.2	15.8
169	90	Atkins	95		10.7	30.1
35	31	[illegible]	35			
270	214	Baird (Wm)	217	-1	5.2	18.2
71	38	Beckman (A)	38		11.8	
280	233	Black (Peter)	252		2.2	18.1
180	74	Bridport-Grdy	103	-2	3.7	
228	171	Br Mohair	197		5.4	20.2
74	20	[illegible]	24			
104	80	Cassidy Bros	85		4.0	18.9
181	163	[illegible]	181	+1	5.8	23.8
322	292	Claremont Grt	320		2.9	17.8
287	189	Coats Viyella	200	+2	5.2	17.4
593	451	Courtaulds Text	485		3.7	21.8
159½	119	Dawson	133		2.8	
143	97½	Dewhirst (I)	128		1.7	17.8
58	32	[illegible]	34		5.1	10.0
42	28	Drummond	28			12.5
25	15	[illegible]	17			
80	72	[illegible]	74		8.3	12.5
155	136	[illegible]	148		2.7	
28	18	Foster (John)	18			
126	94	French (Thomas)	95		4.8	18.8
82	48	Gent SR	79	-8	3.6	
113	73	Haggas	88		4.2	
70½	11	[illegible]	12½	+½	3.1	
33	25½	Helene Plc	27½		9.1	11.3
263	222	Hicking Pntcst	231		2.5	16.4
91	64	Honeysuckle	70	-1	5.5	
90	48	[illegible]	88			
211	173	Jacques Vert	187		3.0	16.5
73	55	Jerome (S)	59		1.7	7.5
388	268	[illegible]	353		3.2	16.9
392½	132	Lambert	134		8.4	12.7
485	330	Lamont	380		4.4	12.9
340	285	Leeds	279		2.7	14.2
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	66	-1	7.6	13.5
101	68	Lyles (S)	69		5.4	8.4
29½	19½	Marling	25		3.3	44.6
17	11	PEX	12			
266	188	Parkland	188	-1	3.8	9.9
123	94	Pentland	99		3.8	19.8
75	53	Pittards	65	-1	3.4	
112	73½	Readicut	74		5.8	12.7
90	72	[illegible]	74		4.8	7.7
96	43	Richards	45		8.7	
76	43	SEET	47			
180	87	[illegible]	87	-1	4.4	10.1
180	137½	Sidlaw	148		3.0	9.8
146	98	Sirdar	98		6.9	14.2
64	50	Stirling Gp	57		4.2	15.8
35	19	Strong & Fisher	28		8.2	13.7
59	42	[illegible]	47		8.9	11.5
132	105	Usher (Frank)	120		7.3	9.1
44	34	[illegible]	39	+2	4.9	10.1
108	96	Wensum	104		3.5	15.1
289	239	Yorklyde	257		3.0	11.8

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
89	58	Air London	63		6.9	12.0
777½	619½	[illegible]	707½	+2½	0.3	
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	273	+4½	2.2	21.8
541½	440	BAA	487	+1½	2.4	19.4
128	103½	[illegible]	121	+1	4.2	
489½	344	Br Airways	373½	+7½	2.9	10.8
108	75	Clarkson (H)	95		2.3	23.8
179	140	Dart	169	-1	2.8	18.9
582½	185	Eurotunnel Uts	284	+14		
87	50	Fisher (James)	50			
508	405	Forth Ports	440		2.2	20.6
231	156	GRT Bus	239		2.1	17.6
181	113	Go-Ahead	160		3.1	18.9
208	125	Goode Durrant	188		4.0	14.7
155	128½	IoM Steam	138		4.8	16.5
71	39	Jacobs (JI)	66	-1	3.8	
111	82	Lon O'seas Frts	83		6.7	1.9
534	380	Mersey Docks	381		3.1	16.5
291	157	NFC	170		4.8	27.5
347	245	Nat Express	305		3.2	17.8
348	244	Ocean Group	253	+7	7.1	12.7
81	56	Ocean Wilsons	63	-1	6.3	9.1
743	567	P & O Dfd	637	+4	6.0	18.7
207	153	P & O 5.5%	207	+2	3.3	
162	84	Seacon	98			
218	158	Stagecoach	218		3.6	21.8
131	85½	TNT	117		2.4	21.5
915	703	Tibbet & Britn	725	-8	2.5	18.6
79	27	Tiphook	39	+1		
327	197	TDG	215		5.6	14.4
198	106	[illegible]	125		3.4	
180	95	Utd Carriers	95	-1	2.1	

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
687	442	Anglian	508	+4	5.8	11.4
385	238	Mid Kent Hldgs	315		4.8	10.6
611	454	North West	550	+13	5.2	8.2
751	509	Northumbrian	711	+4	4.6	7.5
646	467	Severn Trent	503	+11	6.1	7.5
1800	1526	South Staffs	1795		3.6	11.9
675	494	South West	587	+6	6.2	7.5
692	466	Southern	569	+8	6.3	8.2
611	434½	Thames	483	+5	5.8	7.8
744	546	Welsh	686	+10	5.8	7.8
379½	273½	Wessex	312	+5	4.7	8.3
639	458	Yorkshire	535	+8	5.6	7.9

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BRITISH FUNDS

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)						
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9% 1994	[illegible]		8.99	
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12% 1995	[illegible]		11.86	5.76
[illegible]	[illegible]	Gas 3% 1990-95	[illegible]		3.04	5.70
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 10¼% 1995	[illegible]		10.60	6.38
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 12¾% 1995	[illegible]		12.05	6.63
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 14% 1996	[illegible]		12.99	6.86
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 15¼% 1996	[illegible]		13.74	7.18
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 13¼% 1996	[illegible]		12.23	7.25
[illegible]	[illegible]	Conv 10% 1996	[illegible]		9.60	7.72
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 13¼% 1997	[illegible]		11.99	7.90
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 10½% 1997	[illegible]		9.98	7.93
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 8¾% 1997	[illegible]		8.62	8.11
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 15% 1997	[illegible]		12.77	8.19
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 9¾% 1998	[illegible]		9.39	8.32
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 7¼% 1998	[illegible]		7.48	8.30
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	[illegible]		7.08	8.32
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 14% 1998-01	[illegible]		12.00	8.43
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 15½% 1998	[illegible]		12.59	8.36
[illegible]	[illegible]	Exch 12% 1998	[illegible]		10.74	8.48
[illegible]	[illegible]	Treas 9½% 1999	[illegible]		9.16	8.44
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)						
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		10.36	9.57
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		9.78	8.51
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		6.63	8.44
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		9.80	8.56
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		8.83	8.52
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		10.03	8.67
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		9.42	8.69
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		7.64	8.61
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		9.23	8.72
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		8.33	8.65
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		9.25	8.71
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		10.23	8.96
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		4.74	7.33
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		9.06	8.67
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		7.68	8.52
125½	102½	Conv 9½% 2005	105		8.98	8.82
143¼	118¼	Treas 12½% 2003-05	121		10.28	8.85
112	90	Treas 7¾% 2006	94		8.24	8.58
111	91	Treas 8% 2002-06	95		8.39	8.62
136	112	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	115		10.15	8.86
119	95	Treas 8½% 2007	99		8.58	8.98
151	124	Treas 13½% 2004-08	128		10.52	8.99
124	99	Treas 9% 2008	103		8.71	8.57
LONGS (over 15 years)						
115	91	Treas 8% 2009	95		8.48	8.56
126	100	Conv 9% 2011	103		8.67	8.55
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	104		8.64	8.53
97	71	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74		7.43	8.33
117	92	Treas 8% 2013	95		8.38	8.48
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	92		8.34	8.49
128	99	Treas 8¾% 2017	102		8.52	8.47
158	126	Exch 12% 2013-17	130		9.20	8.70
UNDATED						
54	39	War Ln 3½%	41		8.46	
37	27	Treas 2½%	28		8.68	
INDEX-LINKED						
203	197	Treas IL 2% 1996	200		2.92	4.23
113	106	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107		2.95	3.73
176	163	Treas IL 2½% 2001	166		3.44	3.83
173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162		3.53	3.85
118	107	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	108		3.56	3.86
184	169	Treas IL 2% 2006	168		3.60	3.84
165	149	Treas IL 2½% 2009	152		3.63	3.85
175	154	Treas IL 2½% 2011	157		3.68	3.86
146	126	Treas IL 2½% 2013	125		3.69	3.86
157	134	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138		3.72	3.87
152	128	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132		3.75	3.88
129	106	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110		3.73	3.85
128	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109		3.76	3.89

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Fund	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
AIB UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD 0895 259 783				
Eiroland Amer	156.20	165.30†	+ 0.80	0.15
Eiroland Equity	234.30	249.00	+ 2.40	1.25
Eiroland Euro	199.90	208.30	+ 0.60	0.33
Eiroland Eqnl Bal	111.70	115.00	...	2.57
Eiroland Gilt	71.50	73.71	+ 0.10	5.25
Eiroland Japan	174.20	184.30†	+ 1.40	...
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS 0203 553 231				
General Acc	521.80	555.20	+ 8.00	2.78
General Inc	460.30	489.70	+ 7.10	2.79
UK Growth Acc	353.00	375.60†	+ 5.30	2.87
UK Growth Inc	241.60	257.10†	+ 3.70	2.87
Higher Inc Acc	662.80	705.20†	+ 7.60	3.92
Higher Inc Inc	383.10	407.60†	+ 4.40	3.92
Gilt&Fxd Int Acc	180.00	190.10	+ 1.00	8.13
Gilt&Fxd Int Inc	87.51	92.43	+ 0.49	8.13
Nth American	252.60	268.80†	+ 1.90	...
Far East	359.80	382.60†	+ 3.50	...
Europe	264.20	281.10	+ 1.50	0.81
Bra Excel	69.73	74.18†	+ 1.06	3.10
Brit Fndmtls Acc	98.51	104.80	+ 0.80	4.79
Brit Fndmtls Inc	72.27	76.89	+ 0.64	4.79
Global Opps	81.25	86.97†	+ 0.62	0.31
Balanced Acc	53.04	56.43†	+ 0.53	2.80
Balanced Inc	52.01	55.33†	+ 0.58	2.80
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS 0345 717 373				
High Income				
Gilts & Fixed Int	126.70	134.50	+ 0.60	5.95
High Inc Equity	157.70	168.20†	+ 1.50	4.67
Worldwide Bond	253.20	268.60†	+ 0.80	3.91
Capital Growth				
American Growth	273.80	292.70	+ 2.00	.78
Asian Pacific	345.50	367.60	+ 5.00	...
Assets & Earnings	259.70	280.90†	+ 1.90	2.64
Comdty & Energy	114.00	121.30	...	.29
Euro Capital Inc	129.80	138.00	+ 0.50	.70
(Accum Units)	138.40	146.90	+ 0.60	.70
General	217.90	231.80	+ 1.80	2.35
Japan	126.40	134.50	+ 1.10	...
Mastermat	138.50	146.10	+ 0.60	1.18
UK Growth Dst	114.70	122.70†	- 0.10	2.38
US Emerging Cos	129.50	138.50	+ 0.70	...
Income & Growth	370.80	394.50†	+ 3.00	3.17
Ethical	66.95	71.22	+ 0.53	2.71
International	115.50	122.90	+ 0.70	.60
Dividend & Growth	58.82	63.43	+ 0.48	4.43
Global Gwth & Sec	65.97	70.36	+ 0.06	2.26
ABERFORTH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 031 220 0733				
UK Small Cos	£16.39	£17.08	...	...
ABTRUST UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0800 833 580				
Amer Inc & Growth	42.14	43.74†	+ 0.28	0.71
Cash	50.36	50.36	+ 0.01	4.47
European	107.40	112.20	+ 0.30	...
Exeter	955.00	£10.24†	+ 4.20	1.88
Extra Income #	48.72	51.25	+ 0.24	5.92
Far East Emg Eco	118.00	125.20	+ 1.90	0.50
Fixed Interest #	21.85	22.94	+ 0.08	8.81
Fund Inv Tst	174.50	183.60†	+ 1.00	0.91
Japan	185.70	194.50	+ 0.20	...
Latin American	72.88	78.60	- 0.21	0.63
Pacific	73.86	77.94	+ 0.61	0.35
Property Share	62.93	65.85	+ 0.20	2.03
UK Emerging Cos	62.30	65.48	+ 0.38	1.89
UK Growth	43.38	46.08†	+ 0.50	2.54
Abx World Port #	72.34	73.73†	+ 0.80	2.22
Ethical	59.81	62.78	+ 0.30	2.70
Aberdeen-Brit Inc #	48.21	48.21	+ 0.06	7.83
For Aetna Fds see United Friendly				
AEGON UNIT TRUSTS LTD 031 549 3232				
British Growth	67.40	71.71†	+ 0.60	2.72
British Income	77.87	82.84†	+ 0.55	3.44
Select Portfolio	84.60	90.80†	+ 0.37	...
ALLCHURCHES INV MGMT SVS LTD 0452 305 958				
Amity Income	73.17	77.63	+ 0.45	2.59
Income Builder Inc	67.07	71.35	+ 0.76	3.00
ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TSTS PLC IFA dlg: 0793 610 366 Client dlg: 0793 514 514				
Balanced Trusts				
Growth & Income	223.48	238.89†	+ 2.98	3.27
Capital	392.50	419.50†	+ 4.30	1.97
Balanced	663.80	709.60	+ 8.50	2.80
Accumulation	£12.11	£12.94†	+17.00	3.13
Income Trusts				
American Income	45.50	48.63	+ 0.23	3.88
High Income	383.40	409.80	+ 4.30	3.77
Equity Income	217.90	232.90	+ 2.80	3.58
High Yield	234.20	250.30†	+ 2.70	3.47
Gilt Securities	32.14	33.92†	+ 0.15	6.25
International Trusts				
Amer Spec Sits	135.20	144.50	+ 0.70	0.48
European Growth	34.40	36.68	+ 0.21	0.81
International	158.60	169.50	+ 1.80	0.19
Japan	211.80	225.80	+ 1.30	0.01
Pacific	415.10	443.70	+ 3.70	0.01
Secs of America	408.60	426.20	+ 3.60	0.54
Wwde Asset Val	47.41	50.68	+ 0.41	0.24
Specialist Trusts				
Asset Value	508.00	543.00	+ 6.90	2.35
Conv & Gilt	42.67	45.56	+ 0.29	5.80
Smaller Cos	160.10	171.10	+ 0.40	1.30
2nd Smaller Cos	151.30	161.70	+ 0.30	1.50
Recovery	130.70	139.70†	+ 1.30	1.88
Met Mts & City	148.70	158.90†	+ 2.20	0.73
Oseas Earnings	338.00	361.30	+ 4.10	1.67
Technology	158.20	169.10†	- 2.10	0.01
UK Special Sits	453.10	482.90	+ 5.80	1.67
B & C E UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0293 526 911				
Contrib Out Pens	85.32	89.83†	...	1.45
Foundn Pers Pens	85.54	89.88†	...	4.00
BSI-THORNHILL UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0171 500 6033				
Capital	69.48	73.92	+ 1.56	1.78
International	81.85	88.80	...	...
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD 031 222 4242				
America	273.40	294.20	+ 0.50	...
Bond	108.90	112.50†	+ 0.50	7.44
Brit Smlr Cos	95.70	101.90†	+ 0.20	1.52
Conv & Gen #	61.70	67.80†	+ 0.37	3.32
Energy	426.00	455.60	+ 1.30	0.13
Europe	226.60	241.20†	+ 0.70	0.48
Euro Smlr Cos	98.90	105.70†	- 0.30	0.87
Income Gwth	332.90	356.70	+ 2.70	4.45
Japan	325.10	345.20†	+ 1.30	...
Pacific	166.80	175.70	+ 1.20	0.71
UK Smlr Cos	50.19	53.39	+ 0.82	1.17
Japan Fd	736.00	758.80	+ 5.00	...
Mngd Fd	168.20	178.90†	+ 2.30	3.00
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD 071 489 8673				
Brit & Oseas	277.10	291.70	+ 5.90	1.28
Capital Gwth	109.30	115.10	+ 1.50	2.59
Wwide Opps	181.60	191.20	+ 2.10	0.42
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD 081 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Brit Inv Fd Inc	332.50	348.40†	+ 2.90	2.38
European Bd Inc	89.52	91.63	+ 0.12	7.83
Exempt	71.14	75.88†	+ 0.84	4.36
Financial	71.09	76.03	+ 0.56	2.18
500	428.08	459.60	+ 0.60	2.45
General	262.80	281.10	+ 2.0	2.72
Property	258.90	268.40	...	6.81
Trustee	175.90	188.10	+ 1.90	2.58
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.40	100.40†	...	4.85
Extra Income	112.00	119.80†	+ 0.70	4.20
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.87	57.74	+ 0.08	8.94
Income	508.30	543.70	- 3.60	4.13
Income Builder	60.70	64.57	+ 0.42	4.90
Intl Income	62.11	66.07	+ 0.24	3.61
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	112.90	120.40	+ 1.10	2.73
Leisure	118.20	124.20	+ 1.8	1.42
Recovery	399.30	427.10	+ 2.20	2.56
Smlr Cos Inc	41.35	44.34	+ 0.03	2.10
Special Sits	269.00	287.70	+ 1.90	1.68
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	120.60	127.90†	+ 0.59	0.67
Aust Acc	240.40	255.80	- 1.50	2.15
Aust Inc	149.50	159.00	+ 0.90	2.15
Euro Gwth Inc	146.40	155.70	+ 0.10	0.74
(Accum Units)	156.70	166.10	+ 0.10	0.74
Japan & Gen Inc	183.10	193.60	+ 0.90	...
(Accum Units)	185.20	196.00	+ 0.80	...
Japan Spec Sits	84.15	89.14	+ 0.56	...
Unity Tech Inc	78.59	83.51	+ 0.59	0.32
Worldwide	167.10	177.40	+ 1.0	0.71
BARING FUND MANAGERS LTD 081 658 9002				
American Growth	91.91	98.68	+ 1.08	...
Amer Smlr Cos	123.30	132.00	+ 1.80	...
Convertibles	54.29	58.05	+ 0.19	5.50
Eastern	289.10	311.30	+ 3.60	0.10
Equity Income	85.71	91.18†	+ 0.67	4.90
European Growth	285.50	303.00	+ 2.10	1.00
Europe	210.40	224.40	+ 2.10	0.60
German Growth	70.59	74.80	+ 0.75	0.10
Global Bond	60.59	64.28	+ 0.16	6.40
Global Growth	123.60	131.70	+ 1.00	...
Japan Growth	205.80	216.90	+ 1.70	...
Japan Sources	176.70	187.80	- 0.80	...
Korea Trust	88.85	98.85	- 0.40	...
Portfolio	128.60	137.60	+ 0.90	1.60
(Accum Units)	234.00	251.10	+ 1.60	1.60
UK Growth	82.44	87.70	+ 0.50	1.40
UK Smaller Cos	85.09	91.00†	- 0.57	1.50
Select Managers	72.62	77.72	+ 0.41	1.10
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD 071 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	74.89	79.67	+ 0.74	
Special Opps Inc	53.93	57.37	+ 0.46	
BREWIN DOLPHIN UT MGRS LTD 071 236 6441				
Special Sits	166.20	177.80	+ 0.60	1.48
Dividend	82.82	88.58	+ 0.47	3.74
Intl Gth & Inc	208.10	222.60	+ 1.40	3.25
UK & Gen	42.60	45.85	+ 0.35	1.97
Fund of Funds	62.70	67.14	+ 0.05	...
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MGRS LTD 041 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	101.60	107.60†	- 0.80	1.78
(Accum Units)	114.30	120.95	- 0.80	1.78
Smaller Cos	99.64	105.49†	+ 0.15	1.33
Higher Yield #	43.36	45.89†	+ 0.37	4.91
American Gth Inc	68.69	72.69	+ 0.38	...
European Growth	132.22	139.91	+ 0.88	0.05
(Accum Units)	134.82	142.67	+ 0.89	0.05
Global Bond Inc #	25.13	26.58†	- 0.05	7.21
Mngd Pfolio Inc	40.95	43.32	+ 0.14	1.41
(Accum Units)	41.54	43.94	+ 0.14	1.41
Int Spec Opps	114.52	121.18	+ 0.51	0.44
Pacific Gth	132.10	139.78	+ 1.67	
Formerly LAS				
UF General #	73.49	77.76	+ 0.66	3.54
(Accum Units) #	74.26	78.59	+ 0.67	3.54
Japan	64.86	68.63	+ 0.83	...
Gilt & Fixed Int #	93.35	95.26	- 0.23	7.35
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 071 480 7216				
Shrt Dated Gilt	64.06	64.09	+ 0.06	8.56
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD 061 837 5060				
Pranoa	145.90	158.30	+ 0.40	1.59
UK Growth	160.70	170.40	+ 1.50	2.32
UK Income	126.50	134.60†	+ 0.70	4.47
CANADA LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0707 651 122				
Can Gen Dist	181.90	192.30	+ 2.50	2.05
-do- Income Dist	103.10	109.38†	+ 0.90	4.56
(Accum Units)	321.10	339.80	+ 2.70	4.56
Gilt & Fxd Int	38.93	41.27	+ 0.24	6.59
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD 071 236 5685 Enq: 071 236 5685 Dlg: 071 236 5282				
American & Gen	145.20	154.30†	+ 0.60	...
European Inc	75.85	80.46	+ 0.30	0.39
Smaller Cos (4-1)	76.96	81.88	+ 0.11	1.92
Growth	404.30	430.20	+ 3.00	2.35
Income & Growth	394.10	419.90	+ 4.20	3.95
(Accum Units)	554.50	590.00	+ 6.00	3.95
Japan & Gen	74.20	78.83	+ 0.73	...
Income Portfolio	£180.92	£184.89	+65.80	1.97
(Accum Units)	£179.99	£174.65	-79.00	1.97
Special Sits	93.32	98.28	+ 0.69	2.31
High Yield	£12.61	£13.41†	+14.00	4.46
CAPITAL HOUSE UNIT TST MGRS 071 228 4477 Dealing: 0800 833 563				
American Gwth Tst	34.94	37.36†	+ 0.19	0.27
Cash Income	50.58	50.58	...	4.90
European Gwth	38.78	41.33	+ 0.28	0.15
Income & Gwth Inc	26.27	28.09	+ 0.29	4.41
Intnl Gwth	29.82	31.80	+ 0.24	0.13
Japan Gwth	27.92	29.89	+ 0.28	...
Managed Tst Inc	48.43	49.85	+ 0.22	1.02
Oriental Opps Inc	147.58	157.70	+ 2.56	...
Property Shares	37.89	39.58	- 0.03	0.63
Smaller Cos	29.34	31.37†	- 0.78	1.63
UK Growth Tst	24.93	26.86	+ 0.14	2.34
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	69.93	74.79	+ 0.54	1.39
Cap Hse UK Inc	69.24	78.64	+ 1.17	2.47
Exempt (E)	29.84	30.79	...	1.76
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	136.90	146.40	+ 0.30	1.69
Foundation	88.12	84.24	+ 0.42	2.38
German	48.68	53.07†	+ 0.31	...
High Income	71.05	76.84	+ 0.55	5.73
Mngd Pfolio Inc	101.70	108.70	...	1.07
Mngd Pfolio Acc	194.40	207.90	...	1.07
Monthly Income	78.79	84.28	+ 0.39	4.19
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 071 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	81.06	86.48	+ 0.70	2.31
American Portfolio	86.30	91.92	+ 0.84	1.22
European Portfolio	92.62	98.74	+ 0.21	0.86
Japanese Portfolio	67.14	71.31	+ 0.45	...
Pacific Portfolio	141.80	152.46	+ 0.76	0.64
UK Inc & Growth	73.47	78.42	+ 0.50	3.58
Utility & Bond	53.87	54.42	+ 0.46	6.95
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG 071 588 1815				
Inv Fund	647.20	654.10	...	4.63
Fxd Int Sec	146.40	146.75	...	8.88
CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD 071 392 5000				
UK General Tst	63.52	67.57	+ 0.89	2.98
COIF CHARITIES OFFICIAL INV FD 071 588 1815				
Inc	630.05	644.81	...	4.79
Accum	127.11	127.41	...	...
Inc	118.85	119.14	...	9.74
(Accum Units)	181.34	181.65	...	...
CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD 071 837 7867				
Intl Growth	125.97	136.57	...	...
UK Income	105.49	115.30	...	5.214
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD 071 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	69.01	73.15†	...	2.20
Rock Bio-Tech	23.29	28.04	...	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	158.90	158.84	...	1.02
City Fin Assets	68.78	73.08†	...	1.08
City Fin America	78.78	82.93	...	...
City Fin Intl	75.08	79.81†	...	0.50
City Fin Japan	167.88	178.51	...	...
Fdes Hse Cap	260.95	282.10	...	1.85
Fdes Hse Inc	190.15	202.29†	...	4.11
Buckley Wrld Gth	130.65	138.0	...	0.09
Fairmail Cap Gth	137.29	144.52†	...	...
-do- Inc & Gth	109.27	113.97	...	7.61
Fairmount Intl	154.08	162.17†	...	...
City Fin Pflo Inc	53.33	58.73	...	4.34
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 071 711 0771 Advice: 0277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	76.77	80.23	+ 0.21	...
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD 0800 373 393				
American Gwth	52.49	56.14	+ 0.37	...
Allies Mngd Gwth	38.03	38.54	+ 0.41	0.29
Dragon Growth	70.84	75.76	+ 1.16	0.23
Equity High Inc	79.85	84.95	+ 1.04	3.94
(Accum Units)	105.80	113.48	+ 1.39	3.94
European Gwth	49.87	52.20	+ 0.53	0.79
Evergreen	27.83	29.77	+ 0.15	...
General Equity	80.69	85.61	+ 1.14	2.54
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.71	24.95	+ 0.17	8.36
Japan Growth	52.33	55.87	+ 0.54	...
Pelligree Gwth	48.68	51.77	+ 0.59	2.69
Pnd Sml Cos Inc	29.54	31.53†	- 0.04	1.11
(Accum Units)	30.70	32.76	- 0.04	1.11
Retirement Inc #	25.06	26.80	+ 0.29	5.63
Special Sits	36.40	38.93	+ 0.28	1.59
UK & Overseas	47.19	50.20	+ 0.54	1.15
COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 0634 890 000				
Capital	64.36	68.83	+ 0.75	2.31
Income	58.02	62.05	+ 0.59	4.25
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	152.49	162.22†	+ 1.96	5.53
Fixed & Convertible	38.32	40.77†	+ 0.05	7.52
Monthly Inc Plus	46.85	49.31	+ 0.03	9.09
Preference Share	44.72	47.57†	- 0.02	7.71
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	121.38	129.13†	+ 4.17	7.22
Managed Fund	65.37	69.54†	+ 1.17	3.03
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	37.83	40.24	...	1.89
(Accum Units)	43.39	46.15	+ 0.11	1.89
UK & General	75.65	80.48†	+ 1.22	2.75
(Accum Units)	94.69	100.73†	+ 1.54	2.75
UK Growth	135.37	144.01	+ 1.91	2.37
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	182.57	194.22	+ 1.66	0.25
Far Eastern Gwth	133.18	141.69	+ 1.35	...
Global Bond	73.32	77.93†	+ 0.39	6.50
Japan Growth	124.31	132.24	+ 1.36	...
North Amer Gth	153.32	163.11	+ 0.91	...
Oriental Growth	77.71	82.57	+ 0.96	...
Worldwide Growth	82.08	85.02†	+ 0.59	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.89	91.89†	+ 0.01	5.32
Hypermarket Fund	75.28	80.99	+ 0.94	1.89
Dollar Fund	124.81	132.78	+ 1.89	2.95
CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD 0438 744 840				
Growth Inc	65.45	69.65	+ 0.86	3.00
(Accum Units)	60.37	64.22	+ 0.71	3.00
High Income	32.37	34.43†	+ 0.31	4.60
Japan	36.48	38.78	+ 0.44	...
Smaller Cos Inc	29.60	31.48†	- 0.05	2.50
Smaller Cos	31.34	33.34	- 0.05	2.50
North American	31.97	33.37	+ 0.29	0.40
European	35.80	38.08	+ 0.18	0.60
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD 071 407 5955				
Consistent UT	29.85	32.01	...	3.37
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD 0800 526 358				
Growth	134.70	143.30†	+ 0.40	2.11
Income	86.86	78.47	+ 0.52	5.03
European	60.30	64.15	+ 0.50	1.01
Recovery	148.59	158.00	+ 1.80	2.85
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD 071 283 9494				
Equity Dist	795.30	808.00†	...	4.01
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD 0277 690 370				
Fellowship Tst	68.11	72.45	+ 0.34	1.35
Income #	228.30	242.80†	+ 2.90	4.79
(Accum Units) #	562.20	598.00	+ 7.10	4.79
Smaller Cos	145.70	155.00	+ 0.40	0.87
(Accum Units)	177.70	189.00	+ 0.50	0.87
Tsr Portfolio	76.33	81.17	+ 0.63	1.47
High Inc Port #	66.35	70.58	+ 0.70	4.90
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD 071 419 0177				
Euro Small Cos	£14.82	£15.18	...	...
Japan Small Cos	£12.09	£12.63	...	...
UK Small Cos	£17.17	£17.82	...	...
US Small Cos	£15.20	£15.66†	...	...
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS 071 377 0619				
Disc Inc	195.50	205.80†	...	2.86
DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 031 315 3500				
European Gwth	265.80	281.00	+ 1.70	0.99
New Asia	217.20	231.20†	+ 1.80	0.15
Japan Growth	121.70	129.40†	+ 0.60	...
Jap Smlr Co	515.90	548.50	+ 2.70	...
Nth Amer	240.90	255.40	+ 3.30	0.93
Skilled Asia Pac Mr	120.40	126.90	+ 0.70	0.35
UK Inc & Gth	208.40	220.00†	+ 2.50	3.02
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD 0242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	136.00	144.70	+ 1.30	1.85
UK High Inc Inc	143.50	152.70†	+ 1.30	4.72
(Accum Units)	183.80	195.50†	+ 1.40	4.72
UK Fxd & F I Inc	56.50	60.60	+ 0.18	5.22
Emerging Opps	79.85	84.95	+ 0.28	1.10
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0345 090 526				
American	114.90	121.50†	+ 0.80	1.44
Convertibles	20.34	21.61	+ 0.17	6.48
Equity Income	123.60	130.70	+ 1.70	4.06
EuroFund	43.52	46.17	+ 0.07	0.43
Financial	44.46	47.24	+ 0.46	1.59
Growth & Inc	228.40	240.60	+ 3.20	3.20
High Dist	147.80	157.00†	+ 2.00	4.78
International	390.70	415.10	+ 3.40	0.12
Intl Cap Inc	92.59	98.84†	+ 0.62	2.78
Latin American	48.92	49.85	- 0.31	...
Pacific	89.15	94.72	+ 1.45	...
Preference Share	21.41	22.75†	+ 0.08	7.25
Tokyo	229.10	241.90	+ 2.70	...
UK Smaller Cos	212.50	226.80	+ 1.40	1.22
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD 071 242 0242				
Ebor Trust	205.64	219.71	+ 1.01	0.97
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD 071 323 7261				
Endurance Fd	195.70	208.20†	...	0.83
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0296 431 480				
European	76.54	80.57	+ 0.44	1.69
Ethical Tst	43.76	46.05	+ 0.39	1.99
Far Eastern	305.25	321.32	+ 2.76	1.07
High Income #	126.84	133.31†	+ 1.29	4.92
Intl Growth	118.22	124.44	+ 0.71	1.32
North American	106.05	111.63	+ 1.65	1.33
Pelican	112.83	118.77†	+ 1.84	3.19
Smaller Cos	69.77	73.39	+ 0.08	2.33
Special Sits	85.30	89.78	+ 0.30	2.41
Tst of Inv Tsts	181.30	190.84	+ 1.43	1.45
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD 071 407 5666				
Smaller Cos Inc	280.54	298.06†	- 0.62	1.40
Smaller Cos Acc	350.91	365.58†	- 1.08	1.40
Recovery	51.23	53.96	+ 0.02	1.22
Recovery Acc	51.35	53.49	+ 0.03	1.22
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD 0392 412 144				
Balanced	103.43	110.03†	+ 0.13	6.32
Capital Growth	79.97	85.11†	+ 0.45	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	44.20	47.24	+ 0.26	0.61
High Income #	43.59	46.71†	+ 0.13	9.85
Managed	56.09	60.97	+ 0.17	...
Zero Preference	35.19	37.24	+ 0.07	...
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD 0273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	73.02	77.67†	+0.350	2.42
Family Income Tst	46.51	46.51†	+0.300	5.83
Family Trust	81.78	86.58†	...	1.14
United Charities	251.30	267.30†	+1.200	2.73
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD Callfree: Private Clients 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	...	4.70
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.18	28.43†	+ 0.03	8.83
Intl Bond	26.64	27.65†	+ 0.05	5.40
Income Funds				
High Income	24.64	25.93†	+ 0.04	5.33
Income Plus	108.80	115.70	+ 0.60	4.37
Amer Eq Inc	44.29	45.93†	+ 0.40	1.51
European Income	41.29	43.90	+ 0.05	2.08
Far East Inc	61.12	65.08	+ 0.42	2.30
Global Convertible	22.32	23.81	+ 0.06	3.65
UK Div Gth	23.49	24.97	+ 0.28	1.15
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	66.57	71.01†	- 1.57	
American	228.20	239.80†	+ 2.60	
Amer Spec Sits	109.50	116.82	- 2.65	
Japan Smaller Cos	40.75	43.47	+ 0.23	
European	161.30	171.60†	+ 0.56	
European Opps	61.21	65.89	+ 0.31	...
Global Fds	24.21	25.77	+ 0.17	1.31
UK Growth	86.69	92.18	- 0.64	...
Growth & Inc	138.10	146.90	- 1.50	2.58
Intl PEP	35.63	37.89	- 0.35	...
Japan Spcl Sits	93.84	99.93	+ 0.97	...
Japan	198.80	211.10	+ 1.50	...
Managed Intl	265.40	282.60	+ 2.20	...
Moneybuilder	51.60	54.96	+ 0.39	...
Recovery	46.52	49.47	+ 0.20	...
South E Asia	153.00	163.30	- 2.80	...
Special Sits	502.80	534.70	- 0.50	...
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	107.12	107.12	+ 0.01	4.70
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD 071 814 2700				
Balanced #	133.30	138.50	...	1.56
Inc Pfolio #	84.32	85.94	+ 0.59	3.82
Cap Pfolio	140.70	143.50	+ 1.50	0.90
General Opps	118.60	120.80†	...	3.44
Growth Inc	29.86	30.53†	+ 0.34	1.74
Private Portfolio	367.00	395.70	...	1.49
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT Enq: 071 454 1454 Dlg: 0277 261 018				
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	109.60	115.90	+ 0.60	0.53
Emerg Asian	172.10	184.10†	+ 0.40	...
High Income	21.22	22.56†	+ 0.19	9.97
Opps Income	88.01	95.03	+ 0.56	3.01
UK Growth	105.30	112.50	+ 1.20	1.66
UK Income	101.10	107.60†	+ 1.10	4.28
US Smaller Cos	280.30	299.80†	+ 2.00	...
FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD 071 407 5966				
High Inc Eqty	47.48	50.51	+ 0.65	3.33
-do- Inv Tst Inc	74.06	78.79	+ 0.19	4.19
Intl Growth	71.52	76.09†	+ 0.25	1.21
Investment Trust	88.70	94.36	+ 0.27	...
UK Smaller Cos	78.05	83.03	+ 0.03	1.32
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD 071 374 4100				
American Growth	52.13	55.65	+ 0.57	...
(Accum Units)	52.13	55.65	+ 0.57	...
Amer Smlr Cos	447.80	478.60	+ 2.20	...
(Accum Units)	457.50	489.20	+ 2.20	...
Capital Tst	299.70	318.70	+ 0.30	1.59
(Accum Units)	428.00	455.20	+ 0.40	1.59
Cont Smlr Cos	56.45	60.77	+ 0.10	0.58
(Accum Units)	59.36	63.90	+ 0.10	0.58
Convertible	127.40	135.50	+ 0.30	5.57
(Accum Units)	251.40	267.40	+ 0.70	5.57
Emerging Markets	80.98	86.51	+ 0.30	...
(Accum Units)	81.04	86.58	+ 0.20	...
European	114.30	121.20	+ 0.80	0.07
(Accum Units)	119.70	127.00	+ 0.70	0.07
Extra Income	318.80	338.50	- 2.10	3.94
(Accum Units)	471.00	501.00	- 3.00	3.94
Financial	114.50	123.10	- 0.40	0.25
(Accum Units)	120.60	129.60	- 0.30	0.25
Gilt Trust	60.31	62.19	+ 0.41	6.37
(Accum Units)	84.22	86.85	+ 0.57	6.37
Health Fund Inc	119.20	127.40	+ 0.30	...
(Accum Units)	119.20	127.40	+ 0.30	...
Income & Growth	187.00	198.90	+ 1.60	3.23
(Accum Units)	275.00	292.50	+ 2.50	3.23
Intl Growth	346.20	369.80†	+ 3.30	...
(Accum Units)	384.40	410.60†	+ 3.60	...
Japan & Gen	182.00	194.30	+ 1.60	...
(Accum Units)	183.90	196.80	+ 1.50	...
Managed Port Inc	101.20	108.50	+ 0.60	1.44
(Accum Units)	107.30	112.90	+ 0.60	1.44
Monthly Income	157.70	167.70	+ 1.20	3.97
Quarterly Income	50.64	53.86	+ 0.37	4.56
(Accum Units)	53.92	57.30	+ 0.30	4.56
Recovery	330.40	353.30	+ 1.10	0.11
(Accum Units)	388.90	415.80	+ 1.10	0.11
UK Growth	50.77	54.20	+ 0.56	2.65
(Accum Units)	52.51	56.06	+ 0.57	2.65
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS Dealing: 0705 881330 Enqs: 0705 881342				
FP Equity Dist	366.00	389.30†	+ 3.60	2.57
-do- Accum	772.80	822.10†	+ 7.60	2.57
FP Euro Gth Dist	137.10	145.80	+ 0.50	0.33
-do- Accum	142.90	152.00	+ 0.50	0.33
FP Fixed Int Dist	127.00	135.10	+ 0.50	7.29
-do- Accum	231.30	244.60	+ 0.90	7.29
FP Intl Gilt Dist	81.27	87.09	+ 0.60	0.51
-do- Accum	95.13	101.20	+ 0.70	0.51
FP Nth Amer Dist	177.90	189.40	+ 1.00	1.11
-do- Accum	195.10	206.90	+ 1.08	1.11
FP Pac Basin Dist	313.70	333.70	+ 3.30	0.07
-do- Accum	320.10	340.50	+ 3.30	0.07
Stewardship Dist	315.90	336.00†	+ 0.50	2.13
-do- Accum	386.30	410.90†	+ 0.60	2.13
Stewshp Inc Dist	69.25	73.66†	+ 0.84	3.73
-do- Accum	89.27	94.96†	- 0.05	3.73
N Am Stshp Dist	94.10	100.10	+ 0.38	0.66
-do- Accum	99.64	106.00	+ 0.40	0.66
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	104.90	111.50	- 0.10	0.89
Opps Cap Gth Acc	108.00	114.80	...	0.0
Cap Gth Inc Inc	101.00	107.40	- 0.20	1.72
Cap Gth Inc Acc	102.70	109.20	- 0.10	1.72
Opp Cp Gth Ic Ic	103.60	109.50	- 0.20	1.67
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	104.50	111.10	- 0.20	1.67
NM Unit Trusts				
American	41.94	44.61†	+ 0.29	1.43
Australian	315.20	338.10	+ 4.40	0.0
Conscience	69.00	73.63	+ 0.30	0.44
European	195.00	207.40	+ 1.10	0.64
(Accum Units)	210.90	224.30	+ 1.20	0.64
Extra Income	69.08	73.72†	+ 0.26	6.02
Gilt & FI	55.22	58.40	+ 0.24	6.35
Gold	53.11	57.10	- 1.03	0.0
Income	52.81	56.33	+ 0.64	3.95
(Accum Units)	167.90	179.60	+ 2.8	3.95
Intl	32.12	34.27†	+ 0.42	0.62
(Accum Units)	48.57	49.70	+ 0.61	0.62
Jap Smaller Cos	378.09	403.20	+ 3.0	0.0
Sing & Malaysian	263.10	282.10	+ 5.40	0.0
Smaller Cos	28.80	30.56	- 0.02	0.61
Special Sits	34.80	37.41†	+ 0.51	1.84
Sterling Deposit	180.70	180.70†	...	4.80
Tokyo	89.35	95.30	+ 1.05	0.0
UK Equity	166.80	177.90	+ 2.50	2.18
(Accum Units)	319.30	340.50	+ 4.70	2.18
US Smaller Cos	106.40	113.79	+ 0.38	0.0
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 0345 581 186/7				
GANDA	226.90	240.00†	+ 2.70	2.65
Cash	49.34	50.08†	+ 0.01	4.14
Growth Portfolio	76.62	81.21	+ 0.81	0.71
Income Portfolio	61.53	65.07†	+ 0.80	4.66
GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD 071 710 4567 Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	169.20	181.00	+ 0.90	...
European	542.10	579.80	+ 0.40	0.46
Far East & Gen	286.20	306.10	+ 3.50	...
Germany	118.10	123.00†	+ 0.30	...
Income Inc	145.60	155.80	+ 0.90	4.53
(Accum Units)	154.20	165.00	+ 0.90	4.53
International	329.40	352.30	+ 1.90	0.20
Intl Income	77.14	81.86	+ 0.43	4.22
Japan & General	465.70	491.50	+ 2.40	...
Korean Securities	80.85	86.47	- 0.77	...
Smlr Cos Div Inc	45.91	49.11	- 0.01	4.84
UK Capital (Inc)	164.40	175.90	+ 0.40	0.99
UK Spec Sits	81.29	86.95†	- 0.40	0.66
US & General	128.60	137.00	+ 1.80	...
Wwde Spec Sits	154.20	164.80	+ 0.30	...
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS 071 782 2000 Dlgs only: 0277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	45.42	48.65	+ 0.60	2.43
Cash Trust	135.30	135.30†	+ 0.02	4.35
Practical Inv Inc #	110.70	118.48†	+ 0.55	3.50
(Accum Units) #	251.87	269.38†	+ 1.25	3.50
UK Index	142.41	144.78	+ 1.39	3.19
UK Smaller Cos	117.90	126.10†	+ 0.26	1.29
Income Funds				
Preference Share	23.83	25.49†	+ 0.04	9.61
High Income	32.15	34.39†	+ 0.28	5.29
UK Equity Income	131.96	141.13†	+ 1.19	3.61
Global Bond	26.81	27.81†	+ 0.12	5.35
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	57.84	61.01	- 0.40	...
Global Inc & Gth	128.59	136.89†	+ 1.07	1.97
Gold & Intl Res	117.34	125.50	+ 0.59	...
Global Utilities	132.41	141.75	+ 1.17	1.07
Overseas Funds				
American	134.25	143.13	+ 0.96	0.98
European	96.11	101.82	+ 0.79	0.97
Euro Sel Opps	137.74	146.38	+ 1.16	...
Amer Emerging	93.87	100.40	+ 0.32	...
Hong Kong	144.67	154.13	+ 2.86	1.39
Japan	247.02	261.44	+ 2.37	...
Pacific Growth	229.68	245.65	+ 3.17	1.27
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	207.17	207.17†	+ 1.90	2.10
Long Term Bal	221.26	221.26†	- 1.57	2.70
Med Term Bal	189.22	189.22†	- 1.16	3.41
UK Equity	229.98	229.98†	+ 2.31	2.64
UK Emerging Cos	136.39	136.39	+ 0.35	2.24
American	217.01	217.01	+ 1.84	1.56
Japan	129.01	129.01	+ 1.37	...
European	248.39	248.39	+ 1.55	0.97
Index Linked Gilt	163.07	163.07	+ 0.32	2.85
Fixed Interest	150.85	150.85†	+ 1.62	6.61
Amer Emerging	244.31	244.31	+ 0.90	...
Pacific	247.86	247.86	+ 2.58	0.59
Emerging Mkts	167.23	167.23	- 0.59	0.11
Index Strat Japan	153.04	153.04	...	0.24
-do- Pacific Hsn	188.66	188.66	...	1.01
-do- Cont Europe	141.81	141.81	...	1.93
Index Strat USA	123.21	123.21	...	2.49
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	97.74	103.98	+ 0.95	...
Med Term Bal	88.90	94.57	- 0.46	...
Long Term Bal	99.51	105.86	- 0.75	...
UK Equity	106.21	112.98	+ 1.14	...
UK Emerging Cos	83.91	87.99	+ 0.17	...
American	100.62	107.04	+ 0.90	...
Japan	61.94	65.90	+ 0.70	...
European	103.50	110.10	+ 0.89	...
Fixed Interest	75.98	80.83	+ 0.54	...
Index Linked Gilt	72.30	76.91	+ 0.75	...
Deposit	79.14	84.20	+ 0.02	...
Britain Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Intl Gth	121.26	127.64	+ 0.35	...
Berkeley Income	109.49	115.25	- 0.22	2.21
BWH Intl	136.62	142.76	+ 0.40	0.60
Buckhill Gth Port Inc	58.78	62.04	+ 0.06	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	54.65	57.68†	- 0.08	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	52.05	54.93	+ 0.15	0.50
Shaw Utilities	57.89	61.18†	+ 0.47	2.52
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT GAM Sterling Management 071 493 9990				
£ Intl Inc	529.73	562.48	...	1.59
(Accum Units)	579.96	616.98	...	1.59
European Inc	140.63	149.61	+ 1.61	0.93
Amgem Inc	143.41	151.81		
N America Inc	316.17	336.35		
Far East Inc	367.45	388.27	...	...
(Accum Units)	370.21	393.85	...	...
UK Divs Inc	172.65	183.67	...	1.30
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc	86.65	91.13	+ 0.62	4.73
UK Small Cos	45.01	48.14	- 0.02	0.92
Britain Growth	52.11	55.01	+ 0.44	2.49
American Gwth	155.88	166.50	+ 0.93	...
Japan Gwth	78.64	84.11	+ 0.83	...
Greater China	199.79	213.67	+ 2.62	...
Pacific Strategy	171.31	183.22	+ 0.92	...
European Gwth	83.32	89.06†	+ 0.53	0.12
Intl Growth	143.94	153.94	+ 1.33	...
US Index (E)	12.77	13.46	+ 0.07	4.80
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	73.20	77.55	+ 0.28	2.23
Monthly Income	37.63	40.08†	+ 0.22	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Gvt UK Index (C)	10.31	10.86	+ 0.10	3.60
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 071 488 1212				
Small Cos	92.25	98.14	...	1.20
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD 071 538 9868				
Cash	137.00	137.00†	...	2.99
European	467.50	459.48	- 0.30	0.10
Gilt & Fixed	123.20	130.70	+ 0.40	5.07
Growth Equity	324.50	346.60	+ 3.40	1.92
Income Trust	125.90	134.50	+ 0.90	3.06
International	178.30	190.40	+ 1.70	...
Japan Trust	131.30	140.20	+ 0.90	...
Nth American	247.20	264.10†	+ 2.00	0.25
Pacific	567.20	605.90†	+ 5.40	...
Guardhill	473.40	505.70	+ 4.30	1.98
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD 071 522 2129				
EMU Trust	96.57	102.70	- 0.73	7.33
Global High Inc	98.91	100.59†	+ 0.76	8.61
Prem Fixed Int	99.18	102.96	- 0.13	8.64
Eqty & Bond Inc	97.94	104.13†	- 0.52	5.16
European Growth	99.10	105.36	- 0.25	
Intl PEP Trust	58.08	61.75	- 0.28	
High Income	115.59	122.90†	- 0.63	4.34
-do- Accum	158.11	168.11	+ 0.85	4.34
Recovery	353.30	375.60†	+ 1.80	1.65
(Accum Units)	404.70	430.20	- 2.10	1.65
St Vinc High Inc	133.12	124.56	- 0.33	6.93
Tmp Bar Emer Co	237.20	252.20†	- 6.90	1.48
Trop Br Sm Co In	353.60	359.80	- 1.30	2.04
Glob Priv Tst	91.45	97.21†	+ 0.33	1.48
(Accum Units)	92.29	98.12	+ 0.33	1.48
Inc Share Tst	88.03	93.60	- 0.02	8.00
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390				
Model Pfolio	197.20	209.20	- 1.50	2.49
Smaller Cos	32.55	34.63	- 0.02	0.92
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772				
UK Funds				
Special Sits	282.41	302.17	+ 1.37	1.45
Best of Britain	60.92	64.75†	- 0.69	2.71
UK Smaller Cos	119.81	128.79	- 0.24	1.19
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	267.04	284.38	+ 2.55	3.15
(Accum Units)	708.26	754.29	+ 6.70	3.18
High Income #	306.52	327.66†	+ 3.09	4.22
Extra Income #	288.15	295.17	+ 3.01	5.86
Pref & Gilt	43.29	46.53†	+ 0.07	9.33
International				
International	267.37	285.34†	- 1.92	0.14
Global Bond	50.76	53.99	- 0.21	5.56
Family of Funds	79.88	85.47	+ 0.07	0.14
Global Tech	147.63	157.98†	+ 1.55	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	188.12	201.17	- 2.47	
European	457.66	485.12†	+ 4.33	0.45
European Income	78.96	83.60	+ 0.39	2.63
Euro Smr Cos	144.91	156.48†	- 0.42	0.09
Eur Sp Sits	68.30	72.59†	- 0.12	0.13
(Accum Units)	73.06	77.77	- 0.13	0.13
Japan Trust	224.26	238.44	+ 1.67	
Japan Special Sits	253.04	269.48†	+ 1.62	
Pacific Smlr Cos	276.83	294.50†	+ 1.94	
North American	225.19	239.28	+ 2.31	0.40
American Smaller	98.40	105.18†	- 0.19	
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	52.45	55.59	- 0.05	
Eur Sp Sits	58.92	62.45	+ 0.04	
General Growth	41.44	43.92	+ 0.57	
Global Tech	57.75	61.21	- 0.60	
Income Growth	40.55	42.98	+ 0.36	
Japan Growth	27.45	29.09	- 0.22	
Smaller Cos	21.37	22.65		
Special Opps	28.43	30.13	- 0.05	
Wwide Sp Sits	48.75	51.67	- 0.41	
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS 081 686 4355				
British	94.77	101.30†	- 1.10	1.60
Capital	168.10	179.70	- 2.10	1.48
Dollar	336.90	349.60†	- 4.50	
European	221.40	236.70	- 1.50	
Far East	329.50	352.40	- 4.50	0.14
Financial	787.80	842.50	- 7.40	1.31
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.50	25.48†	- 0.04	7.93
High Yield	101.20	108.20	- 1.00	4.29
Income & Growth	135.90	145.30†	- 1.60	3.54
International	249.40	266.70	+ 2.60	
Japanese General	211.80	226.50	+ 2.50	
Japan Tech	86.27	92.26	+ 0.87	
Nat Resources	75.19	80.41	+ 0.26	
Portfolio	70.04	74.90	- 0.63	1.47
Security	313.20	334.90	- 2.50	1.75
Smaller Cos	120.50	128.80†	- 0.10	1.29
Special Sits	144.70	154.70	- 1.10	1.51
UK Emerging Cos	86.04	92.02	- 0.01	0.95
US Smaller Cos	75.61	80.86	- 0.81	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Advisers: 0800 181 890 Inv 0800 289 505				
UK Funds				
Capital	561.80	599.60†	+ 5.20	2.17
Income #	542.70	579.20†	+ 5.50	4.21
Footsie Fund	51.59	54.94	+ 0.95	2.83
Tdmd Index	106.30	113.40	- 1.40	1.59
UK Index	134.90	144.00	+ 2.0	3.02
International Funds				
American Growth	452.70	483.10	+ 2.60	0.63
American Index	188.80	201.10	+ 1.60	1.29
Balanced #	94.57	100.80	+ 0.50	6.20
European Growth	110.00	117.00	+ 0.70	
Eurotrack 100	151.60	160.60	+ 1.10	0.87
Global Bond	20.18	21.32	+ 0.07	7.07
Japan Growth	288.80	307.90†	+ 2.80	
Japan Index	81.19	86.65	+ 2.74	0.09
Japan Smlr Cos	36.06	38.48	+ 0.21	
International High Growth Funds				
Asian	58.89	62.85	+ 1.06	0.15
Hong Kong Gwth	105.90	113.00	+ 2.0	0.89
Spore & Mlysn Gth	80.60	86.02	+ 1.83	
Tiger Index	212.60	226.90	+ 2.10	0.22
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD 071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.45	29.53	- 0.06	1.10
General Funds				
Managed	70.47	73.14†	+ 0.65	2.49
Rapid Child Fnd	81.63	84.73	+ 1.29	2.38
UK Growth	57.26	59.43†	+ 0.68	2.36
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.44	50.44	+ 0.01	4.53
Cashbox (Acc)	58.58	58.58		4.43
UK Extra Inc	82.42	85.56	+ 0.47	5.38
Gilt & Fixed Int	25.49	26.28†	+ 0.10	7.85
UF Inc & Gwth	39.04	40.52†	+ 0.44	3.94
UK Income	329.00	341.50	+ 6.00	3.63
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	47.51	49.21	+ 0.29	0.26
Amer Smlr Cos	105.60	109.60	- 0.20	
(Accum Units)	106.70	110.70	- 0.30	
Europe Gth	148.10	153.40	+ 0.70	
(Accum Units)	153.10	158.60	+ 0.80	
Euro Smaller Cos	27.65	28.70†	+ 0.08	
French Growth	76.19	79.08	+ 0.77	
Accum Units	81.62	84.72	- 0.82	
H Kong & China	86.79	90.08	- 1.68	1.63
Intl Growth	58.63	58.78†	+ 0.48	0.63
(Accum Units)	57.10	59.26†	+ 0.39	0.63
Japan Gth	35.67	37.02	+ 0.43	
Accum Units	35.67	37.02	+ 0.43	
Japan Smaller Cos	44.21	45.88	+ 0.24	
Glob Emrg Mkts	113.30	117.60	+ 0.70	
Accum Units	114.10	118.40	+ 0.60	
SE Asia	342.30	355.30	+ 4.70	0.22
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	51.13	52.67	+ 0.23	5.72
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD 071 581 3020				
American Cap	128.20	136.30		
Income	142.41	151.50	- 0.94	3.85
UK Growth	52.20	55.53	- 0.41	0.97
International	82.30	87.55	+ 0.65	0.26
Ecology	75.91	80.75†	+ 0.30	1.33
European	115.62	122.53	+ 0.44	
Far Eastern	334.60	356.18	+ 1.80	
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS Dealers: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	48.95	52.87	+ 0.59	7.3
Gilt Yield	112.50	118.70	+ 0.50	6.99
Global Income	212.40	225.90†	+ 1.40	4.03
High Yield	135.00	143.60†	+ 1.61	6.14
(Accum Units)	404.60	430.40†	+ 5.43	6.14
Smllr Cos Div	50.40	53.62†	- 0.09	2.96
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smlr Cos	86.38	91.89	- 0.21	
North American	71.63	76.20	- 0.79	0.29
European Special	94.38	100.40	- 0.19	0.15
European	147.90	157.30	- 0.80	0.36
(Accum Units)	194.10	206.50	+ 1.10	0.38
General	264.30	281.20	+ 3.80	3.70
Japan	426.20	453.40	+ 4.30	...
Japanese Special	249.60	265.50	+ 1.10	
Master Accum	324.90	349.80	+ 2.30	0.55
Pacific	347.00	369.10†	+ 4.70	...
(Accum Units)	406.90	432.90†	+ 4.80	
Smaller Cos	108.10	115.00†	- 0.20	0.60
UK Equity Growth	38.92	41.40	+ 0.40	1.63
KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS 071 629 1603				
Global Inc & Gth	61.34	65.25	- 0.39	
Inv Trust	66.11	70.32	- 0.24	
Cautious Inc/Gth	56.99	60.62	- 0.23	0.60
High Inc Acc	53.61	57.03	- 0.33	3.60
L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD 071 588 2800				
Income	576.70	588.50	+ 6.30	5.71
Intl & General	413.00	421.40	+ 3.80	
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT 071 407 5966				
Budget Income	253.14	269.30†	+ 3.38	5.57
Inc & Growth Inc	55.59	59.14	- 0.73	2.45
Smaller Cos	54.66	57.84†	.	1.42
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 823				
Growth Trust	238.70	252.90	- 2.50	2.14
High Income	106.60	113.40	- 1.00	4.26
International	99.92	106.30	- 0.70	0.57
Recovery Trust	61.40	65.32†	- 0.73	1.56
European Trust	80.03	85.14	- 0.37	1.02
Japanese Trust	44.38	47.21	- 0.23	
American Trust	63.92	68.28†	- 0.99	
Managed	66.17	70.39	- 0.47	0.54
Cash	50.94	50.94		4.18
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD 071 374 0916				
UK Cap	351.80	357.60	- 2.80	2.52
UK Inc/Gth	377.90	383.50	- 3.40	3.21
UK Income	284.60	289.00†	- 2.50	4.26
UK Sm Cos	230.80	239.60	- 0.10	1.92
Euro Gwth	120.80	121.80	- 0.50	
N Amer Gwth	75.13	75.83†	+ 1.32	0.12
Japan Growth	68.88	69.57	- 0.80	
Money Mkt	171.00	171.00		1.270
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395				
Equity Dist	458.40	487.70†	- 6.30	2.61
(Accum Units)	901.80	959.40†	-12.30	2.61
Equity Income	95.88	102.00	- 0.90	4.01
UK Tactical Alloctn	55.13	58.54	- 1.17	3.05
European	111.40	118.50	- 0.70	0.96
Far Eastern	243.60	259.19	- 3.50	
Fixed Interest	[illegible]	[illegible]	- 0.35	[illegible]
Gilt	[illegible]	50.35†	[illegible]	[illegible]
Global Growth	79.56	83.57	[illegible]	[illegible]
Intl Bond	43.40	45.49	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japanese	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
North American	141.90	150.90	- 0.61	[illegible]
Pacific Growth	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	
UK Index	60.55	63.92†	- 0.52	[illegible]
UK Recovery	59.72	64.29†	[illegible]	[illegible]
UK Smaller Cos	119.50	125.60	+ 0.10	1.52
US Index	56.61	59.51	[illegible]	[illegible]
European Index	71.13	75.05	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Index	41.39	44.54	[illegible]	
Worldwide	65.95	68.24†	- 0.74	[illegible]
LINCOLN NATIONAL 081 302 8875 Dealing: 0800 262 621				
Growth	49.76	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income	52.42	55.45	[illegible]	[illegible]
Far East	56.29	59.63	- 0.07	
North American	82.52	[illegible]	[illegible]	
Global	91.02	97.40	- 1.01	0.55
European	92.47	98.79	- 0.22	[illegible]
Japan	112.40	120.29†	[illegible]	
Intl Sovereign Bd	55.11	58.45†	[illegible]	[illegible]
SE Asia	111.50	119.45	- 1.10	
UK Cap Growth	28.50	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313				
Balanced	331.50	352.20†	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	753.90	801.10	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cont Euro Gth	61.01	64.23†	- 0.26	[illegible]
-do- Acc	65.70	67.64	[illegible]	[illegible]
Extra Inc	252.30	269.70	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	642.25	683.20	- 4.50	4.37
German Gth	121.60	129.40†	- 0.92	[illegible]
-do- Acc	127.90	134.80	- 0.96	[illegible]
Eastern Port	529.60	564.15	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	537.70	574.20	- 2.50	[illegible]
Income	472.60	503.10†	- 3.00	[illegible]
-do- Acc	£12.72	£13.24	-16.05	[illegible]
Income Port	499.10	531.00†	[illegible]	[illegible]
-do- Acc	524.60	558.10	[illegible]	[illegible]
Japan Growth	107.40	114.20	[illegible]	
-do- Acc	107.90	114.70	- 0.90	
Mexico Trust	56.52	60.12	- 1.09	1.45
-do- Acc	63.09	67.12	- 1.21	1.46
N American Gth	174.10	185.20	- 2.00	
-do- Acc	201.30	214.10	- 2.60	
NAm Sm Co Rec	132.30	140.50	- 1.30	
-do- Acc	129.60	143.70	- 1.50	
Pacific Basin	268.10	285.20	- 4.90	2.44
-do- Acc	284.40	302.60	- 4.50	9.44
Small Cos Rec	243.40	261.50†	- 0.20	1.26
-do- Acc	459.20	483.40	- 1.20	1.36
UK Growth	62.22	63.64	- 1.20	2.70
-do- Acc	100.10	106.60	- 2.30	2.62
Worldwide Gth	312.10	332.10	- 2.70	3.27
-do- Acc	460.40	489.60	- 3.90	3.27
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT 0392 282 673				
American	62.25	66.56	- 0.21	[illegible]
General	83.47	89.56†	[illegible]	[illegible]
Income	64.09	66.76	+ 0.32	5.43
International	62.76	67.88	- 0.29	[illegible]
Japan	59.56	63.91	- 0.54	
Tst of Inv Trusts	67.36	72.21†	- 0.33	1.00
M & G SECURITIES Cust Svcs Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390				
Amer & General	376.35	400.00	- 1.10	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	469.60	496.51	- 1.30	[illegible]
Amer Recovery	433.50	456.40	- 2.50	0.51
(Accum Units)	497.60	526.00	- 4.00	0.51
Amer Smlr Cos	126.70	134.00	- 0.13	
(Accum Units)	139.40	136.90	- 0.13	
Australasian	161.60	170.50	- 3.30	1.93
(Accum Units)	195.80	207.10	- 0.45	1.93
Capital	802.70	848.90	- 2.50	2.53
(Accum Units)	911.90	964.40	- 3.90	2.53
Charifund	672.60	679.40†	- 1.50	5.64
(Accum Units)	£31.08	£31.39	-16.60	5.64
Commodity	400.90	423.90	- 1.20	[illegible]
(Accum Units)	587.80	621.50	- 1.70	[illegible]
Compound Gwth	904.40	956.40†	- 3.60	2.89
(Accum Units)	948.00	£10.02	- 5.90	2.89
Dividend	38.80	41.03†	- 0.30	4.42
(Accum Units)	162.70	172.10	- 1.10	4.42
Equity Income	337.00	356.40	- 0.60	4.94
(Accum Units)	428.90	453.60	+ 1.10	4.94
Euro & General	495.20	523.70	- 2.60	1.00
(Accum Units)	625.20	661.10	- 1.20	1.00
Euro Dividend	67.40	71.30	- 0.60	3.72
(Accum Units)	80.40	85.00	- 0.70	3.72
Euro Yield	403.70	426.90	- 2.20	4.75
(Accum Units)	£12.52	£13.24	- 6.60	4.75
Far Eastern	370.00	391.30	- 4.10	0.54
(Accum Units)	490.20	518.40	- 5.40	0.54
Fund of Inv Tsts	594.60	628.80†	- 3.20	1.82
(Accum Units)	£11.10	£11.74	- 5.90	1.82
General	60.03	63.40	- 0.40	3.71
(Accum Units)	165.40	174.80	+ 0.90	3.71
Gilt Income	57.63	57.74†	- 0.22	8.25
(Accum Units)	158.04	158.34	+ 0.61	8.25
Gold	72.00	76.10	+ 0.10	0.68
(Accum Units)	85.00	89.80	- 0.10	0.68
High Income	28.10	29.70	- 0.20	4.63
(Accum Units)	110.50	116.90	+ 0.50	4.63
Intl Growth	76.90	81.30	+ 0.30	1.02
(Accum Units)	133.90	141.70	+ 0.70	1.02
International Inc	95.80	101.30†	+ 0.40	4.57
(Accum Units)	142.20	150.40	+ 0.70	4.57
Japan & Gen	49.80	52.70†	+ 0.40	
(Accum Units)	53.40	56.60	+ 0.40	
Japan Smlr Cos	171.60	181.50†	- 1.60	
(Accum Units)	172.80	182.80	- 1.60	
Managed Income	26.90	28.20†	+ 0.20	4.00
Midland	60.70	64.20†	+ 0.10	3.12
(Accum Units)	202.80	214.50	+ 0.10	3.12
Pension Ex	903.90	926.50†	+ 3.80	4.31
Recovery	40.80	43.10	- 0.10	2.63
(Accum Units)	66.30	70.10	+ 0.20	2.63
Second General	69.70	73.70	+ 0.30	3.44
(Accum Units)	177.90	188.00	- 0.50	3.44
Smaller Cos	66.10	69.90		3.13
(Accum Units)	129.80	137.30		3.13
Treasury	25.01	25.06†		5.18
Trustee	40.80	43.10†	+ 0.20	4.48
(Accum Units)	164.30	174.00	+ 0.90	4.48
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631				
European Growth	78.87	83.90†	+ 0.50	0.84
Intl Bond	59.46	62.51†	+ 0.22	8.32
Intl Equity Growth	69.31	73.71†	+ 0.73	0.57
N Amer Growth	90.48	96.25	+ 0.70	0.87
Special Sits Growth	20.70	22.02	+ 0.07	1.85
UK Growth	360.00	382.90†	+ 3.80	2.80
(Accum Units)	469.80	499.70	+ 4.90	2.80
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD 01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	£12.56	£12.80†	.	3.26
Income #	954.70	970.50		4.00
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 031 222 4242				
Maldon General	135.10	170.00		4.40
MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD Dealings: 0438 747 414				
Growth Units	191.40	204.70	+ 2.30	2.52
Gilt & Fxd Int	164.00	172.70	- 0.60	6.96
Intl Growth	205.00	218.10	+ 1.20	0.19
North American	175.20	186.80	+ 1.70	0.39
Far East	280.00	299.50	- 3.60	0.87
UF Smaller Cos	166.50	178.10	- 0.20	1.67
European	79.21	84.26	+ 0.42	0.13
Japanese Growth	49.53	52.63	+ 0.32	
High Income	182.80	195.50	+ 2.10	4.58
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD 0244 680 066				
M & S Inv Pfolio	146.90	156.20	+ 0.97	2.10
-do- Accum	167.30	177.90	- 0.97	2.10
UF Sel Pfolio	126.90	134.90	- 1.12	2.31
-do- Accum	145.80	155.10	- 1.12	2.31
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD 0204 364 842				
Managed Tst	60.69	64.55	.	4.22
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD 031 479 4646				
Intl Income	70.08	74.40	- 0.36	4.55
European	78.36	83.18	- 0.08	0.33
Income #	71.37	75.76†	- 0.33	5.65
Nth American	58.41	62.01	- 0.50	0.68
Far East	173.60	184.30	- 1.30	
Japan	58.08	61.66	- 0.50	
Emgng Mkt	114.90	122.90	- 0.50	
Intl Growth	108.50	115.20†	- 0.20	0.37
UK Growth	84.02	89.19†	+ 0.28	0.83
UK Smr Co	44.90	47.66†	- 0.08	0.61
Asian Opps Fd	41.05	43.99	- 0.44	0.12
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD 071 407 5966				
Income	401.25	426.86	- 4.77	4.19
Global Inc	64.18	68.29	- 0.38	3.02
Brit Leaders	329.67	350.71	- 4.20	3.55
Intl Leaders	192.69	204.99	+ 1.46	0.80
PAM Ltd Bal Gth	62.72	65.16	+ 0.12	0.63
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD Dealing: 071 280 2860				
American	194.00	206.00†	+ 1.40	
(Accum Units)	207.30	220.10†	+ 1.40	
British Blue Chip	77.26	82.12†	- 0.75	3.03
(Accum Units)	95.78	101.20†	+ 0.90	3.03
Cash	100.30	100.30		5.22
(Accum Units)*	136.50	136.50		5.22
Emerging Mkts	122.80	132.00	- 0.70	0.19
(Accum Units)	125.90	137.10	- 0.80	0.19
European Growth	241.40	255.60	+ 0.50	0.29
(Accum Units)	260.20	275.60	+ 0.50	0.29
European Income	80.06	84.59	+ 0.24	3.39
(Accum Units)	106.60	112.60	+ 0.30	3.39
General	484.80	516.70	+ 3.40	2.40
(Accum Units)	944.80	1007	+ 7.00	2.40
Global Bond	116.20	122.10	- 0.20	6.66
(Accum Units)	140.10	147.20	- 0.20	6.66
Gold & General	231.00	248.40	- 1.50	0.36
(Accum Units)	237.30	255.00	- 1.50	0.36
Gvnt Securities	88.66	91.42	+ 0.38	6.19
(Accum Units)	168.40	173.60	+ 0.70	6.19
Income	148.40	157.80†	+ 1.30	4.40
(Accum Units)	229.90	244.40	+ 1.90	4.40
Inc Portfolio #	94.70	100.40	+ 0.57	5.18
(Accum Units) #	94.70	100.40	+ 0.57	5.18
Intl Opps	450.80	470.80	+ 3.00	0.34
(Accum Units)	601.30	639.90	+ 4.10	0.34
Japan	190.00	201.40	+ 2.50	
(Accum Units)	195.00	206.80	+ 2.60	
New Europe	178.60	196.20	- 0.30	0.75
(Accum Units)	175.60	186.55	- 0.40	0.75
Pacific	131.75	140.00	- 2.50	0.82
(Accum Units)	140.50	149.30	- 2.60	0.82
Recovery	286.70	307.87†	+ 0.40	0.84
(Accum Units)	312.40	333.00	- 0.50	0.84
UK Equity	570.70	585.30	- 2.90	2.93
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	1139	- 8.00	2.93
UK Smaller Cos	50.12	56.75	+ 0.02	0.92
(Accum Units)	62.51	65.45	- 0.01	0.92
Portfolio	76.15	82.13	+ 0.54	2.70
(Accum Units)	[illegible]	57.61	- 0.65	2.79
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD 0737 652 259				
European Inc	[illegible]	119.35	- 0.22	0.90
Portfolio	65.64	70.04	- 0.25	0.07
UK Income Inc	74.56	79.35	+ 0.52	4.73
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 455 135				
Balanced	56.40	62.46	+ 0.86	2.90
(Accum Units)	61.45	65.72	- 0.97	2.90
Energy Inc	81.29	86.94	+ 1.37	1.93
(Accum Units)	95.45	99.94	- 1.57	1.93
Extra High Inc	65.45	69.98	+ 0.15	6.66
(Accum Units)	124.70	133.30	+ 0.20	6.66
FT-SE 100 Acc	52.29	55.48	+ 0.93	2.48
FT-SE 100 Dist	52.29	55.48	+ 0.93	2.48
Gilt & Fxd Int	52.27	56.02	- 0.35	7.11
(Accum Units)	150.80	157.00	+ 1.0	7.11
High Yield	211.10	225.60†	- 0.90	5.82
(Accum Units)	526.50	565.50†	+ 2.10	5.82
Income	272.45	292.90	- 3.0	3.62
(Accum Units)	605.10	647.20	- 6.60	3.62
Money Market UT	49.52	49.52†		3.86
(Accum Units)	76.83	76.83†		3.86
Monthly Income	62.20	67.91	- 0.54	6.31
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
Europe	97.28	103.60	- 1.70	1.90
European Growth	104.50	110.80	- 3.20	0.02
Cap & Fixed	81.83	86.51	- 0.55	6.38
Income	82.04	87.28	+ 0.87	2.93
Japan Growth	54.64	57.92	- 0.06	
Managed	66.52	70.73	- 0.58	2.48
Money Market	85.78	90.90		4.42
North American	82.66	87.62	- 0.39	0.51
Midland FS/AVC Unit Trust				
Britain	88.42	94.06	- 1.47	1.89
European Growth	98.35	104.20	- 3.10	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	78.02	83.00	- 0.52	6.35
Income	80.60	85.74	+ 0.85	2.99
Japan Growth	54.51	57.75	- 0.06	
Managed	63.65	67.71	- 0.55	2.45
Money Market	79.29	84.05		4.37
North American	75.40	79.92	- 0.36	0.61
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
Britain	88.45	94.10	- 1.47	1.67
European Growth	96.00	101.80	- 2.90	
Gilt & Fixed Int	71.66	76.05	- 0.48	6.49
Income	79.72	84.81	- 0.94	3.01
Japan Growth	55.79	59.15	- 0.06	
Managed	66.52	70.77	- 0.58	2.45
Money Market	74.05	78.49		4.43
North American	63.42	68.43	- 0.39	0.47
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD 071 407 5966				
International (US$)	12.47	13.26		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123				
American Gwth	319.80	340.00	- 2.50	
European Gth Inc	423.00	454.00	- 0.90	0.28
(Accum Units)	437.70	469.00	- 0.90	0.28
Intl Gwth	192.70	205.30	- 1.60	
UK Equity Inc	176.10	187.90	+ 1.00	3.13
UK Ind Trcks Inc	154.50	165.30†	- 1.50	2.71
(Accum Units)	181.40	194.10†	- 1.80	2.71
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	187.50	198.90	+ 1.50	1.55
Japan Tracker	77.74	82.35	+ 0.69	
Asian Trader	215.90	233.30	- 2.80	0.77
Managed Inc	151.70	162.30	- 0.70	1.46
Deposit Inc	99.85	99.85†	+ 0.01	4.22
Europa	175.90	189.20†	- 0.80	0.26
Genesis	148.25	162.60	- 0.30	2.23
High Income	21.78	23.09†	+ 0.25	
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT 0345 090 933				
Acumen	92.06	94.17†	+ 0.54	2.34
Acumen Inc	87.13	89.13†	+ 0.51	2.34
Acumen Reserve	80.59	81.40†	+ 0.30	8.26
-do- Inc	70.33	71.03†	+ 0.26	8.26
American Growth #	157.00	161.60	- 0.40	0.99
Cash Income	49.55	49.55†	- 0.01	4.70
Equity Income #	92.66	95.15	+ 0.70	4.43
European	69.78	71.34	+ 0.26	
Smaller Cos	75.47	79.06†	- 0.23	1.19
Olympiad	67.94	69.56	+ 0.19	0.07
Global Bond	41.44	41.92†	+ 0.13	6.61
UK Growth	89.47	91.90	+ 0.58	1.75
Pacific Growth	116.00	120.20	+ 2.00	
Japan Growth	97.60	99.12	+ 0.87	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Avon Equity	118.73	126.31	+ 1.74	2.85
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD 061 237 5322				
UK Growth	72.26	76.88	- 0.55	2.07
UK Income	103.30	109.90†	- 0.10	3.99
Gilt & Fixed Int	67.89			
Higher Income	212.10	225.70	+ 1.60	4.90
Smaller Cos	79.53	84.61	- 0.15	2.07
International	92.82	98.75†	- 0.72	1.73
NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD 071 623 4200				
Americas Dist	101.13	108.56	- 0.28	0.68
European Dist	106.40	113.80†	- 1.10	0.40
Far East Dist	188.60	201.70	- 2.00	
Global Cap Dist	65.77	70.34	+ 0.29	1.35
Oseas Dist	£10.13	£10.83	-11.00	0.12
(Accum Units)	£12.15	£14.05	-14.30	0.12
UK Dist	332.80	355.90†	- 5.10	2.68
(Accum Units)	653.40	698.80	- 9.80	2.68
UK Extra Inc Dist	74.71	79.90	- 0.64	4.06
Wwide Dist	105.10	112.40†	- 1.30	
Wwide Inc Dist	68.60	73.37†	- 0.66	2.39
NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398				
Europe Inc	62.74	66.09	- 0.14	0.49
Fund of Funds Inc	57.20	60.57	- 0.51	1.15
North American Inc	47.22	49.94	- 0.56	0.62
UK Equity Gth Inc	56.79	60.33†	- 0.71	2.09
(Accum Units)	58.95	62.22	- 0.74	2.09
UK General Inc	55.39	58.46†	- 0.64	2.57
UK Gilt/Fx Int Inc	45.24	47.65†	- 0.15	7.47
UK Income Inc	55.58	58.66†	+ 0.64	3.07
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00				
Income	222.90	237.13†	+ 1.92	3.52
Global	336.62	358.11	- 1.91	0.15
General	183.33	195.04	- 1.12	1.80
Bond	112.23	119.19	- 0.46	6.32
Growth	120.12	127.79†	- 1.29	2.47
Europe	116.36	121.21		1.93
Bridge Fund	84.27	89.65		2.16
Distributor	88.93	94.50	+ 0.95	3.29
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS 0603 682 234				
Master Trust	119.38	126.99	+ 1.16	1.80
UK Equity	134.15	142.71	+ 1.93	3.06
UK Equity Income	128.67	137.10	+ 1.55	3.87
UK Smaller Cos	113.54	120.79	+ 0.06	1.59
UK Equity Growth	124.94	132.92	+ 1.50	2.23
UK Index Trckg	134.73	143.33	+ 0.72	3.49
Intl Index Trckg	140.26	149.21	+ 1.24	1.10
International	229.58	244.23†	- 2.08	0.32
European	190.06	202.19	+ 0.84	0.21
Pan European	128.09	136.27	- 1.06	1.17
Nth American	157.70	167.77†	- 1.32	0.44
N Amer Smll Cos	173.26	184.32	- 0.49	
Japanese	97.67	103.90	- 1.02	
Pacific	243.67	259.22	- 3.07	
South East Asian	272.75	290.16†	- 3.21	0.19
Intl Bond	124.38	132.21	+ 0.64	4.30
Gilt & Convertible	101.14	107.51	+ 0.70	6.40
Property	84.64	90.04	+ 0.04	4.72
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470				
Equity	235.30	250.20	+ 2.20	2.52
(Accum Units)	490.20	521.50	+ 4.80	2.52
Growth	150.70	158.60	+ 1.10	2.61
Income	230.60	245.20†	+ 1.80	3.73
Intl Equity	245.20	260.80	+ 1.80	0.84
(Accum Units)	271.10	288.30	+ 1.80	0.84
UK Income	64.45	68.56	+ 0.50	3.13
UK Ind 25	77.21	82.13	+ 0.63	1.95
New Europe	76.75	81.64	+ 0.27	0.50
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT 0491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	599.51	641.19†	+ 5.11	0.33
(Accum Units)	599.51	641.19	+ 5.11	0.33
Income	331.13	354.15†	+ 3.95	3.37
Wwide Recovery	376.39	402.56	+ 2.99	0.05
Amer Growth Inc	209.71	224.29	+ 0.65	0.01
(Accum Units)	209.71	224.29	+ 0.65	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	244.90	261.93	+ 1.09	0.13
Far East Gth Inc	290.49	310.69	+ 1.82	0.01
(Accum Units)	290.49	310.68	+ 1.82	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	135.15	144.55	- 0.73	0.87
(Accum Units)	135.15	144.55	- 0.73	0.87
UF Growth Inc	85.32	91.26	+ 1.09	2.71
(Accum Units)	87.40	93.48	- 1.12	2.71
High Income	91.80	98.19	+ 1.04	4.06
Jap Gwth Inc	232.05	247.02	+ 2.45	0.01
(Accum Units)	232.08	247.02	+ 2.45	0.01
PEP Growth	116.95	125.09	+ 1.15	0.90
Asian Sm Mkts Inc	135.79	145.23	+ 2.24	0.01
(Accum Units)	135.79	145.23	+ 2.24	0.01
Amer Smb Co Inc	125.99	134.75†	- 0.37	0.01
(Accum Units)	125.99	134.75	- 0.37	0.01
Global Bond	52.57	55.37	- 0.24	8.37
UK Smaller Cos Inc	78.16	83.60	- 0.22	1.15
(Accum Units)	81.20	86.85	- 0.22	1.15
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 091 201 3927				
American	98.49	104.76	- 0.42	
European	69.65	74.10	- 0.20	
Global	65.72	69.92	- 0.17	
Pacific	63.97	68.05	- 0.34	
UK Inc & Gth	62.67	66.67	- 0.01	1.91
POINTON YORK UT MGRS 0533 550 540				
[illegible]	95.84	102.07	- 0.09	0.35
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD 071 407 5966				
Portfolio	155.53	163.72	.	0.65
PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0444 458 721				
Monthly Income	57.32	60.75	+ 0.29	2.44
Growth Income	60.76	64.40	+ 0.22	2.01
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0732 740 700				
Principal TP	127.41	135.55	+ 1.53	1.73
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	87.43	93.01	- 0.07	3.68
Conv & Gilt	111.00	118.10	- 0.30	6.18
European Income	70.86	75.39†	+ 0.70	2.89
Extra Income	148.50	156.90	- 1.50	3.92
(Accum Units)	176.50	187.70	- 1.80	3.92
Far East	417.20	443.80	+ 5.40	0.25
(Accum Units)	425.10	452.20	- 5.50	0.25
Global Income	24.96	26.55	+ 0.23	4.65
High Income	110.80	117.90†	- 0.60	3.61
(Accum Units)	131.50	139.90	- 0.70	3.61
International	204.50	217.60†	+ 2.20	0.50
(Accum Units)	210.80	224.00	+ 2.40	0.50
Pref & Fxd Int	41.54	44.19†	+ 0.05	7.53
Recovery	70.29	74.77	+ 0.44	2.47
Special Sits	101.80	108.30	- 2.20	1.27
(Accum Units)	109.40	116.40	- 2.30	1.27
Technology	346.10	368.30	- 4.30	
UK Blue Chip	67.26	71.55	+ 0.68	2.89
(Accum Units)	74.60	79.30	+ 0.92	2.89
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD 0622 674 751				
General	52.19	55.52	- 0.66	2.15
International	88.41	94.05	- 0.98	0.38
Gilt	24.15	24.90†	- 0.17	6.57
Income & Gwth	68.67	73.05†	+ 0.95	4.79
European	50.91	54.16	+ 0.60	0.43
American	51.44	54.72	+ 0.35	
Emerging Mkts	87.37	92.95	+ 0.46	0.04
UK Smaller Cos	27.87	29.65	- 0.04	1.75
City/Fixed Interest	24.44	26.00	- 0.04	7.16
Global PEP	38.22	40.65†	- 0.52	1.21
PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD 0256 760 888				
European Inc	259.00	278.53	- 0.30	
(Accum Units)	274.10	294.70	- 0.30	
Japan Inc	112.90	119.50†	- 1.30	
Nth American Inc	105.30	113.40	- 0.80	
Worldwide Inc	161.30	173.30	- 1.30	
Hong Kong Inc	145.60	156.50	- 2.20	0.92
Swiss Equities Inc	64.38	68.89	- 0.47	
Wwide Bond Inc	58.65	62.21	- 0.20	5.46
Emerging Asia Inc	236.00	256.70	- 1.50	
(Accum Units)	236.90	257.70	- 1.50	
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.09	50.09†	- 0.01	4.97
Thailand Inc	176.40	189.60†	- 2.20	0.20
Gold Trust Inc	80.75	87.11	- 0.70	0.22
New Zealand Inc	84.03	91.44†	- 0.18	1.53
Intl Mngd PEP Inc	82.97	87.92	- 0.54	0.63
Latin Am Cmo Inc	90.56	97.51	- 0.40	0.01
UK All Sh Idx Inc	57.05	61.20	+ 0.74	2.54
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustee	78.92	84.41	- 0.24	
Global Portfolio	70.96	75.57	- 0.09	
Global Opps	72.45	77.35	- 0.20	
Marsh Global Grth	66.66	70.89	- 0.31	
AAA Global Equity	52.12	56.30	- 0.12	
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	85.66	92.31	- 0.74	
CAM Intl Recvy Inc				
Temple Equity Inc	42.92	47.84	+ 0.41	3.01
Hartley Growth	72.36	76.70	- 0.18	0.26
Intl Growth Inc	84.71	90.21†	- 0.76	0.74
IPS Portfolio Inc	85.47	91.41	- 0.18	
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	45.79	47.40	- 0.03	
Premier Fertnz Inc	67.89	72.61	- 0.03	0.70
Roxburgh Strat Gth	73.05	78.15	- 0.08	
Tech Analysis	99.06	105.40†	+ 1.40	
Rosebery Growth	51.23	55.49	+ 0.12	
International Strat	78.18	83.62	- 0.28	
UFC Intl-Act Grt	53.60	58.08	- 0.09	
Coventry Topaz	51.50	55.61	- 0.19	
Prem Equity Inc	108.70	114.40		
Lomes Intl Growth	44.13	46.45	- 0.22	
PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD 071 588 3963				
Equity Cap	163.40	172.60	+ 0.70	1.81
European Gth	96.04	101.80	- 0.10	0.17
Income & Gth #	127.90	136.10	+ 0.70	3.17
Japan Gth	124.40	131.80	+ 0.30	
Nth Amer Gth	111.70	118.80	+ 0.60	0.18
Overseas Gth	88.60	94.17	+ 0.29	
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD 081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490				
Managed Inc	35.77	39.25	- 0.28	1.51
Cash Haven Inc	100.87	101.37†	- 0.01	4.53
Cash Haven Acc	110.43	110.97†	- 0.01	4.53
Dist Trust Inc	93.26	99.74†	- 0.61	4.45
Dist Trust Acc	95.32	101.94†	- 0.63	4.45
Global Growth	86.56	92.57	- 0.92	1.46
Equity Inc	79.23	84.73†	- 0.77	3.62
Equity	706.68	754.73†	- 9.64	2.23
European	204.90	219.14	+ 1.20	0.72
High Income	85.73	91.68	- 0.59	5.00
Intl Gth	176.38	188.64	+ 1.58	1.26
Intl Sm Co	76.26	81.56†	+ 0.46	0.48
Japanese	223.53	239.06	- 2.61	
Nth Amer	153.01	163.54†	+ 0.87	1.76
Pacific Mkts	106.60	114.00	- 1.09	0.22
Premier Inc	46.29	48.11†	- 0.17	5.09
Sm Cos	83.29	89.08†	- 0.31	1.74
Spec Sits	105.45	112.78	- 1.21	2.11
UK Growth	117.42	125.58	- 1.53	2.20
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS. LTD 0892 510 033				
British Life	290.30	310.00†	- 2.40	2.15
ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD 091 285 2555				
Managed	92.94	98.61		2.17
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT Dealers: 071 280 5000				
FA America (Inc)	483.74	515.28	+ 2.15	0.25
FA America (Acc)	565.54	602.41	+ 2.51	0.35
FA UK Equity Inc	152.51	162.63†	+ 1.36	2.50
FA Japan	267.84	285.28	+ 3.00	
FA Major UK Cos	92.98	99.03	+ 1.12	2.31
FA Small UK Cos	282.14	306.70	- 0.26	1.34
FA European	312.21	330.98	- 0.09	0.51
FA Amer Smlr Cos	42.24	45.31	- 0.02	
FA Asia	52.16	55.99	- 1.02	
FA Jap Smlr Cos	52.69	56.37	+ 0.38	
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	92.97	97.86	+ 1.11	
UK Smlr Cos	80.98	85.25	- 0.08	
UK Income	92.16	97.00	+ 0.79	
America	97.17	102.28	- 0.45	
Japanese	58.91	62.00	+ 0.65	
European	96.67	104.91	+ 0.02	
Gilt	84.12	88.54	+ 0.30	
Deposit	82.37	86.70		
Managed	96.23	101.28	- 0.62	
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	90.57	95.33	- 1.06	
UK Smaller Cos	79.16	83.32	- 0.07	
UK Income	89.94	94.67	+ 0.77	
America	94.63	99.60	+ 0.41	
Japanese	57.36	60.39	+ 0.63	
European	97.12	102.22	+ 0.02	
Gilt	83.28	87.66	+ 0.29	
Deposit	73.44	82.57		
Managed	90.87	95.64	+ 0.77	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000				
United States	72.96	77.85	+ 0.77	0.24
Pacific Basin	82.81	89.05†	+ 0.09	
High Inc Dist	125.40	134.10†	+ 1.10	4.97
Ryl Life Intl Clay	56.85	60.47	+ 0.25	4.34
Ryl Lfe Intl Gwth	66.04	70.53	- 0.52	0.028
Ryl Lfe Intl Spec	63.65	67.70	+ 0.66	
UK Emerging Cos	123.80	133.60	+ 0.30	1.15
UK Index Trckg	157.50	167.80	+ 0.60	3.29
European	125.40	134.90†	+ 0.50	0.29
Managed	143.00	153.80	+ 1.10	0.83
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0206 764 400				
American Growth	138.10	147.30		0.35
European Growth	107.70	113.90		0.82
Far East Growth	139.30	148.20		0.27
Japan Growth	137.03	145.70†		
Special Sits	187.00	198.90		1.50
UK Growth	74.30	79.06		2.36
Triton General	228.90	247.70†		3.53
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD [illegible]				
Far East Inc	177.50	158.10	- 1.50	[illegible]
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SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD 071 330 0572				
American Gwth	61.10	65.00†	- 0.66	
Amer Smlr Cos	75.08	79.87†	- 0.95	5.50
Asian Gwth	119.61	127.24	+ 1.82	0.75
European Gwth	65.89	70.10	- 0.85	1.00
Global Bd	57.10	60.38	+ 0.29	5.00
Global Eq	63.52	67.57	+ 0.60	0.53
Japanese Eq	57.08	60.72†	- 0.49	
Japan Sm Cos	66.99	71.26	- 0.91	
UK Gen	52.86	56.22	- 0.62	2.50
UK Gwth	57.54	61.21	+ 0.37	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP 0708 766 966				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	65.33	69.50†	+ 0.72	4.31
Amer Smlr Cos	106.30	113.10	+ 0.50	
Asian Smaller Cos	48.53	51.63	- 0.33	
Capital Portfolio	125.70	133.70	+ 0.80	2.15
Capital	160.60	170.90	+ 1.30	0.64
Cash	124.90	124.90		4.95
China Dragon	64.39	68.50	+ 0.97	0.56
Commodity	134.00	142.50	- 0.70	0.31
Eastern Discovery	106.70	113.50	+ 1.60	
Energy Inds	123.60	131.50	- 0.70	0.42
European Gwth	184.90	196.70†	+ 0.30	
Euro Inc & Gwth #	75.60	80.43	+ 0.16	2.02
Euro Smlr Cos	51.33	54.61	+ 0.10	
Extra Income #	50.26	51.68	+ 0.27	6.31
Financial Secs	195.70	208.20	+ 0.90	1.03
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc #	47.25	49.87	- 0.08	9.09
Gold & Exploration	88.04	91.53	- 0.95	0.24
High Return #	220.50	234.60	+ 1.10	4.34
High Yield #	218.80	232.80	- 1.0	4.03
Income #	116.00	123.40	+ 0.60	4.45
Intl Bond	155.70	164.50	+ 0.50	5.94
ITU	204.20	217.20†	+ 0.80	1.44
Japan Growth	180.30	191.80	+ 1.40	
Japan Smaller	199.30	212.00	+ 0.40	
Korea	79.82	84.92†	- 0.18	
Masterfund	54.90	58.40	- 0.16	0.30
Scotbits	294.40	313.20	+ 1.40	0.98
Scotshares #	282.40	300.40	+ 1.90	2.49
Scotyields #	235.30	250.30	+ 1.40	3.77
Select Intl	139.70	148.60†	+ 0.60	0.47
Smaller Cos Inc #	241.70	257.10	- 0.40	3.74
SE Asia	60.89	64.78	+ 0.79	
Special Situation	120.30	128.00	+ 0.90	1.29
UK Equity #	238.40	253.60	+ 1.80	2.95
UK Growth	62.02	65.98	+ 0.56	1.41
UK Smll Cos Gwth	45.78	48.70	- 0.08	0.79
US Growth	141.00	150.00	+ 1.40	0.46
Ukw Growth	138.30	147.10	+ 0.60	0.77
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD Clnt: 0800 526 535 Bdr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	239.36	254.74†	+ 2.02	0.89
(Accum Units)	261.52	278.33	+ 2.21	0.89
European Gwth	72.66	77.34	- 0.45	0.95
Euro Smll Cos	74.83	79.81	+ 0.24	0.13
Far Eastern Gwth	102.30	109.11	- 1.02	
(Accum Units)	104.14	111.08	+ 1.03	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	49.44	52.13	- 0.39	7.29
Global Bond #	47.91	49.51	+ 0.19	6.36
(Accum Units) #	51.32	53.06	- 0.21	6.36
Global Emer Mkts	58.73	62.64†	+ 0.15	
(Accum Units)	58.73	62.64	+ 0.15	
Income #	344.13	367.07	+ 5.17	3.73
(Accum Units) #	£10.72	£11.43	+15.94	3.73
Japan Smlr Cos	504.94	538.60	- 2.47	
(Accum Units)	505.95	539.67	- 2.46	
Japan Enterprise	71.40	76.16†	+ 0.92	
Pacific Gwth	140.25	149.70	+ 2.35	
(Accum Units)	144.89	154.59	+ 2.42	
Seoul	57.42	62.08	- 0.21	
(Accum Units)	57.42	62.08	- 0.21	
Smaller Cos	202.79	216.30	+ 0.21	0.98
Tokyo	127.60	136.10	+ 0.94	
(Accum Units)	128.89	137.47	+ 0.95	
UK Enterprise	243.46	259.68	+ 3.74	1.92
(Accum Units)	289.70	309.01	- 4.44	1.92
UK Equity	233.34	248.89	+ 3.69	2.82
(Accum Units)	448.58	478.49	+ 7.49	2.82
US Smlr Cos	151.42	161.51	+ 0.80	
(Accum Units)	44.01	45.84	+ 0.28	0.46
World Fd	79.36	84.64	+ 0.93	1.91
(Accum Units)	85.50	91.19	- 0.99	1.91
Institutional Funds				
European	229.00	238.42	+ 0.54	1.32
(Accum Units)	253.95	264.39	+ 0.58	1.32
Euro Smll Cos	28.66	29.85	+ 0.04	1.63
(Accum Units)	30.16	31.41	+ 0.04	1.63
Global Equity Inc	76.84	80.04†	+ 0.43	0.82
Japan Smll Cos	40.21	41.88	+ 0.27	
(Accum Units)	40.52	42.20	+ 0.27	
Mngd Balanced	182.60	190.30†	+ 1.80	2.74
(Accum Units)	206.11	214.70	+ 2.04	2.74
Overseas Equity	189.40	197.29	+ 1.01	0.82
(Accum Units)	195.35	203.49	+ 1.04	0.82
Oseas Smll Cos	123.83	128.95	+ 0.58	0.55
(Accum Units)	129.11	134.48	+ 0.60	0.55
Pacific	263.80	274.79†	+ 3.64	1.00
(Accum Units)	287.84	299.82	+ 3.98	1.00
Recovery	£18.14	£18.89	+15.44	2.85
(Accum Units)	£18.98	£19.77	-16.16	2.85
UK Index	151.91	158.23	+ 1.49	3.38
(Accum Units)	182.34	189.93	+ 1.78	3.33
UK Small Cos	110.08	114.66	+ 0.21	2.59
(Accum Units)	116.66	121.52	- 0.23	2.59
US Smll Cos	43.23	45.03†	- 0.27	0.46
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD 041 204 2200				
Equity Income	48.05	51.17	+ 0.22	2.81
Equity Trust	59.80	63.93	+ 0.34	2.59
Equity Strategy	67.18	71.55	+ 0.27	1.31
European Opps	84.53	90.02	+ 0.73	0.78
UK Smaller Cos	63.78	64.73	- 0.03	1.34
Moneyline Inc	98.89	101.44		6.29
Japanese	79.44	84.60	+ 0.99	
Asia Pacific	132.57	141.19	- 2.44	0.80
American	96.08	102.33	+ 0.60	0.66
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD 0800 454 422				
Cash	30.62	30.62		5.197
UK General Inc	50.10	53.45	- 0.55	2.84
(Accum Units)	64.34	68.63	- 0.70	2.84
Intl Income	276.20	293.50†	- 0.70	1.01
(Accum Units)	473.30	502.90†	- 1.20	1.01
European	78.25	82.87	- 0.42	1.47
Japan	69.77	73.93	- 0.61	0.06
American	63.55	67.31†	- 0.57	1.92
Far East	92.41	99.57	- 1.30	0.76
Ethical Inc	29.20	31.22	- 0.02	2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	32.34	34.58†	- 0.5	2.56
High Inc Inc	34.63	36.94	- 0.24	2.44
UF Global Inc	40.31	43.00	- 0.22	1.52
Wwide Tst	73.81	78.88†	- 0.28	1.25
Europe 2000 Tst	52.27	55.51	- 0.28	1.51
Technology	104.70	111.51†	- 0.95	1.21
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	373.40	398.60	+ 5.40	2.85
American	259.70	286.10	+ 1.50	2.45
Pacific	400.80	428.70	- 5.70	0.50
European	532.30	569.30	+ 4.20	1.19
Worldwide	87.50	93.58	- 0.24	[illegible]
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD 041 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	267.50	284.60	+ 4.60	2.19
(Accum Units)	330.40	351.50	+ 4.60	2.19
UK Sh Co Eq Inc	190.70	202.90	+ 0.40	1.60
(Accum Units)	227.00	241.50	+ 0.40	1.60
Select Opprty Inc	64.96	69.49	+ 0.02	2.09
Income Plus Inc	69.63	74.08	+ 1.16	3.95
European Inc	338.40	360.10†	- 1.70	1.12
(Accum Units)	382.30	406.80†	- 1.70	1.12
Far Eastern Inc	183.30	196.10†	+ 3.00	0.75
(Accum Units)	208.60	222.00†	+ 3.00	0.75
Japanese Inc	63.79	67.87†	+ 0.58	
Nth American Inc	222.40	247.30†	- 2.90	0.63
(Accum Units)	255.90	272.30†	- 2.00	0.63
Intl Growth Inc	202.50	215.50	+ 2.30	0.76
Wwide Venture Inc	79.76	84.86	+ 0.94	0.72
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT 031 668 3724				
Equity Inc	349.60	372.90	+ 2.00	2.79
(Accum Units)	512.70	546.80	+ 2.80	2.79
UK High Inc	176.40	188.10	+ 0.80	3.70
(Accum Units)	254.60	271.50	- 1.10	3.70
Europe Inc	356.00	379.70	- 0.80	0.76
Nth Amer Inc	209.60	223.60	+ 2.20	0.47
Global Inc	201.30	214.60	+ 1.00	0.15
UK Spec Sits Inc	94.09	100.40	+ 0.30	2.91
South East Asia	238.40	254.20	+ 3.70	0.32
Cash Trust Inc	101.60	101.60		4.94
UF Smlr Cos Inc	99.60	106.20	- 0.20	2.06
(Accum Units)	101.20	107.90	- 0.20	2.06
Intl Bond Inc	86.81	92.17	+ 0.30	6.47
SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
Sector Recovery	141.90	149.90	+ 0.70	4.48
SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010				
European	121.10	127.50	- 0.50	1.06
Nth American	97.95	103.10	+ 0.40	0.47
Intl Bond & Conv	119.70	126.00†	+ 0.20	5.15
Pooled Pension (C)	180.90	194.50†		2.25
Smaller Cos	68.81	73.43†	- 0.02	1.52
UF General	125.20	131.80†	- 1.40	2.12
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD 071 626 6276				
Amer Cos Fund	96.77		- 1.23	0.0
Aztec	113.70		- 0.20	0.0
Eurogard	121.90		- 0.40	0.0
Global Bond	91.60		- 0.64	7.82
Samurai	87.89		- 1.16	0.0
UK Growth	101.80		- 0.40	2.70
Tai Fung	106.30		- 0.80	0.0
UK Emerg Leaders	97.48		- 0.15	1.47
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS 071 637 5377				
American	283.10	299.60	- 1.50	0.24
Canadian	72.16	76.36†	+ 0.65	0.61
Capital	123.70	132.40	- 0.50	1.24
Cash	100.59	100.59	- 0.03	5.29
European	131.10	137.70	- 0.10	0.72
Far Eastern	167.70	177.40	- 1.30	
Growth	132.70	140.40	- 0.90	1.00
Income	126.90	134.20	+ 0.40	5.73
Magnum	131.80	141.20	- 0.90	1.22
Smlr Secs	370.30	391.80†	+ 0.60	0.60
Thoroughbred	152.90	163.90†	+ 1.00	1.00
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD 0202 298 432				
Cash	49.63	50.13†		4.40
Capital Prtnce	54.54	58.17	+ 0.26	7.99
Ethical	53.61	57.03	- 0.29	3.10
European Growth	71.46	76.22	+ 0.56	2.60
Income	53.34	56.89†	- 0.50	5.90
Intl Growth	96.38	102.80	+ 0.70	2.70
Managed	89.29	95.64	+ 0.82	3.60
UK Growth	60.10	64.10	+ 0.69	3.40
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS 0800 393 777				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	37.99	40.27	- 0.20	1.66
Global Advtg Acc	40.50	42.93	- 0.20	1.66
Income Advtg Inc	30.64	32.48	+ 0.10	3.93
Income Advtg Acc	33.48	35.49	+ 0.10	3.93
UK Equity Gen Acc	64.25	68.11	+ 0.10	1.34
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	49.44	52.53	- 0.30	1.38
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	35.81	38.05†	- 0.38	3.88
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	44.37	47.15	- 0.36	3.88
UK Equity Gen Acc	60.38	64.16	- 0.30	2.29
UK Equity Gen Inc	44.66	47.45	- 0.30	2.29
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.43	31.13†	+ 0.10	6.89
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	[illegible]	331.80	- 2.70	1.49
Nth American Acc	43.02	45.71	+ 0.80	0.94
Far East Acc	70.06	74.44	- 0.21	0.06
European Acc	51.09	54.29	+ 0.10	0.68
STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD 071 344 7000				
Global A (US$)	5.749	5.973		0.52
US Eqs (US$)	2.396	2.545		0.63
Far East Eqs (yen)	236.70	253.52		
Japan Eqties (yen)	251.13	273.00		
FT Europe	121.90	129.43†		1.54
FT N Amer (US$)	1.575	1.650		0.95
FT Japan (yen)	229.70	246.30		
FT Asia Exlm (US$)	1.575	1.739†		0.58
STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD 031 226 3271				
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SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 399				
Equity	820.20	865.90	-10.70	2.51
North America	119.50	127.92	- 0.50	0.85
Far East	156.70	166.50	- 2.30	
Wwde Bond	53.66	56.96†	- 0.14	5.44
European	100.50	107.60†	+ 0.40	0.77
Equity Income	89.49	95.71	- 1.07	3.53
Portfolio	84.07	89.91	- 0.94	1.14
UK Leading Cos	58.97	62.53	- 1.00	3.50
Broker Trusts				
Intl Equity	67.47	72.16	- 0.14	
SUN LIFE OF CANADA UT MGRS LTD 0800 525 725				
American Growth	33.06	35.36	+ 0.09	0.57
Managed Assets	125.49	134.22	+ 0.98	2.65
UK Income	40.08	42.87	- 0.37	3.14
UK Growth	38.15	40.81†	- 0.38	2.50
Worldwide Growth	35.07	37.51†	- 0.22	0.53
SUN LIFE TRUST MGMT LTD Admin & Enq: 071 606 4044 Dlg: 071 606 6010				
Discretionary	49.23	52.37		
Cap Protector Inc	40.85	43.69†		2.60
UK Income Inc	50.00	53.48		3.25
Mngd Extra Inc Inc	32.07	34.30†		3.72
Mngd High Yld Inc	77.04	82.40†		4.26
Mngd Inc/Gth Inc	72.41	77.44†		3.16
UK Smaller Cos	33.61	35.95†		1.70
Pacific Grth Port	48.72	52.11		0.30
TSB UNIT TRUSTS 0264 346 794				
American	200.21	211.86	+ 2.62	
(Accum Units)	220.52	233.35	+ 2.89	
Brit Growth	94.45	99.95†	+ 1.15	1.99
(Accum Units)	113.66	120.27†	+ 1.38	1.99
European	107.45	113.70	+ 0.67	0.24
(Accum Units)	114.28	120.97	+ 0.71	0.24
Extra Income	188.80	199.79	+ 1.59	4.23
(Accum Units)	320.37	339.02	- 2.71	4.23
Smaller Cos	68.71	72.71	- 0.11	1.48
(Accum Units)	77.07	81.55	- 0.11	1.48
General	276.00	292.07	+ 3.60	2.30
(Accum Units)	563.50	596.30	+ 7.34	2.30
Premier Income	48.53	50.65†	- 0.85	6.23
(Accum Units)	109.34	113.90†	+ 1.92	6.23
Income	331.02	350.28	+ 3.33	3.89
(Accum Units)	712.33	753.79	+ 7.16	3.89
Pacific	447.40	473.44	+ 5.50	0.60
(Accum Units)	470.10	497.46	+ 5.77	0.60
International	540.40	571.85†	- 5.15	0.01
(Accum Units)	710.59	751.95†	- 6.78	0.01
Nat Resources	108.78	116.48†	- 0.18	
Spcld Opps	102.69	108.67	+ 0.73	1.34
(Accum Units)	130.73	138.34	- 0.93	1.34
Environmental Inv	61.16	64.72	+ 0.52	1.90
Selector	60.98	64.53†	+ 0.50	2.29
(Accum Units)	68.78	72.78†	- 0.56	2.29
High Income	63.28	66.96	+ 0.57	4.66
(Accum Units)	78.73	83.31	+ 0.71	4.66
Intl Income	55.65	58.89†	- 0.17	5.34
(Accum Units)	68.42	72.40†	- 0.21	5.34
Selects Income	56.94	62.37†	- 0.44	5.07
(Accum Units)	69.22	73.25†	- 0.51	5.07
TU FUND MANAGERS LIMITED 081 667 1018				
British	319.60	336.40	+ 3.40	2.66
TEMPLETON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 031 469 4000				
Glob Growth Inc	139.85	213.75	- 0.55	1.25
Glob Balncd Inc	168.34	181.11†	+ 0.96	2.84
Value Tst Inc	118.80	127.06	+ 0.49	1.52
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD 071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3001				
Dresdner Eml Bd	39.16	41.12†	+ 0.12	6.30
European Growth	267.38	283.71	- 2.26	0.80
Energy	518.06	541.71†	- 7.89	3.50
Global Em Mkts	105.44	112.45†	- 0.62	0.60
Japan Tst	82.64	87.85	- 0.84	
Little Dragons	95.18	101.52	+ 1.15	
Nth Amer Gwth	218.01	232.35	- 2.17	0.70
Oriental Income	46.57	49.67†	- 0.15	1.40
Preference	112.57	120.39†	- 0.02	9.10
Tiger	298.19	318.06	+ 4.52	
(Accum Units)	313.29	334.16	+ 4.76	
UF Blue Chip	61.36	65.42	+ 1.12	3.00
UK Growth	498.36	530.86†	+ 7.41	2.20
UK High Yield	102.00	109.18†	+ 1.05	3.50
(Accum Units)	329.20	352.08†	+ 3.39	3.50
UK Mid-Cap	250.06	267.44†	- 1.52	2.00
UK Smlr Cos	97.91	104.71	- 0.04	1.10
UK Smlr Cos Div	92.86	99.31	+ 0.23	4.50
UNITED FRIENDLY UT TST MGMT LTD 0277 690 336				
UK Equity Income	95.18	101.25	- 1.05	2.99
UK Equity Growth	85.25	90.69	- 1.03	2.35
European	67.92	72.26†	+ 0.52	1.09
Nth American	65.80	70.00†	- 0.29	1.23
Far Eastern	72.39	78.89	- 0.60	0.56
Money	66.69	66.69	- 0.01	3.87
Fixed Interest	69.69	74.14	+ 0.34	6.58
Index Linked Gilt	64.17	68.27	+ 0.12	1.29
WAVERLEY UNIT TST MGMT LTD 031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	29.74	31.63		
Pacific Basin	45.41	48.30		
Can Balncd Gwth	22.53	23.96		
Global Bond (US$)	0.861	0.89		
Penny Share	32.77	34.86		0.30
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TST MGMT LTD 071 600 0462				
Challenger	92.10	94.23†	- 0.36	
Short Dtd Gilt	108.90	110.40	- 0.20	
US Govt Bd (US$)	0.72	0.75†	+ 0.00	0.84
Gilt Income	49.02	51.02	- 0.20	7.50
Gilt Growth	68.79	70.97	- 0.27	
City Reserve	53.18	53.18		2.91
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD 081 298 4000				
Stockmarket Fd	77.61	82.56	- 0.77	1.79

Source: Finstat

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Office designs with people in mind

David Young looks at the winners of yesterday's Office of the Year awards

The development of new offices which meet the precise needs of the company and the people who will be occupying it has become much more important, as the entrants for this year's Office of the Year Awards clearly illustrate.

The awards, made annually for the past 24 years by the British Institute of Facilities Management and for the third successive year sponsored by Du Pont (UK), were presented last night.

Tony Thomson, chairman of the BIFM judges panel, says: "Each year the judges' task becomes more difficult as standards rise. The marrying of the irresistible force — the operational requirements — and the all too immovable object — the building — presents new and interesting challenges to the project teams. The solutions show ingenuity and perseverance in equal quantities.

"The enthusiasm and pride in a job well done has been impressive. Even the standard of offices that have not won awards show how much care is now invested. Each step forward is reflected in greater efficiency and a better working environment for the staff. The entrants will have learnt a great deal from their experience in entering and this can be passed on to the next generation of project teams."

The judges found that the buildings which were highly judged in facilities management terms were those which also performed very well in energy efficiency. This proves, say the judges, that low-energy usage is not only a feature of the building design but also is reliant on good, tight, day-to-day facilities management.

In terms of energy efficiency and environmental impact this year's entrants displayed a higher standard than in previous years. This was particularly apparent in the purpose-built sector, with the energy use of entrants in this class significantly lower than that regarded as acceptable for the typical office building.

Energy savings were naturally not so good in adaptions of existing buildings, but here the judges found that by adopting the best facilities management practices energy consumption levels could be dramatically cut.

The judges also pointed out that despite the difficult economic climate during which the entries were conceived and built, standards have been maintained or improved. The process by which yesterday's innovation becomes today's good practice and tomorrow's commonplace has ensured a wide spread of excellent buildings in use, add the judges.

The class 1 winner, the Lloyds Bank, Canons House, in Bristol, has been built on an 11-acre site in the docklands area of the city. It is the headquarters of Lloyds Retail Banking. A crescent-shaped block, linked to a circular block, it provides 33,500 square metres of space. It's 1,450 staff have been relocated from several buildings in London, including one office at the Hays Galleria which was itself an Office of the Year Award winner.

A project company was set up by Lloyds to manage the work. Bristol was chosen because of ease of communications and the availability of a good site which enabled Lloyds to meet the objective of bringing all its retail divisions under one roof. The building was designed so that floors could be sublet, but in fact it is already nearing maximum capacity. The judges say that "this is an impressive class winner which seems to have met the objectives well, within a building which is efficient, flexible and pleasant to work in." The Lloyds building has also won the Facilities Management Award for excellence.

The class 2 winner, Hamilton Oil, has used 6,000 square metres of offices on four floors of the nine-storey Devonshire House overlooking Green Park. Originally the home of the Dukes of Devonshire, it was converted to office use after the Second World War.

"The management of Hamilton Oil set itself an extremely difficult task by deciding to refurbish existing areas in this multi-tenanted building," the judges say. "Not only were the offices occupied but they also had a forest of columns, leaking sash windows, varying floor to ceiling heights and no uniform planning grid.

"It is good to see that in this old and eccentric building, management have achieved energy consumption levels that are significantly below the average. The overall result has been the creation of an extremely successful and possibly unique office environment based on good planning with well thought through detailing."

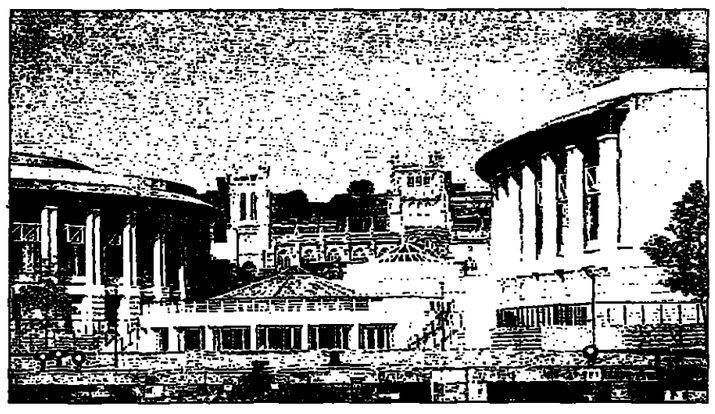
In choosing a winner for class 3, for smaller offices, the judges saw that the problems and complexities did not diminish as buildings reduced in size. The winners, Blairlogie Capital Management, occupy 465 square metres in a multi-tenanted building in Princes Street, Edinburgh.

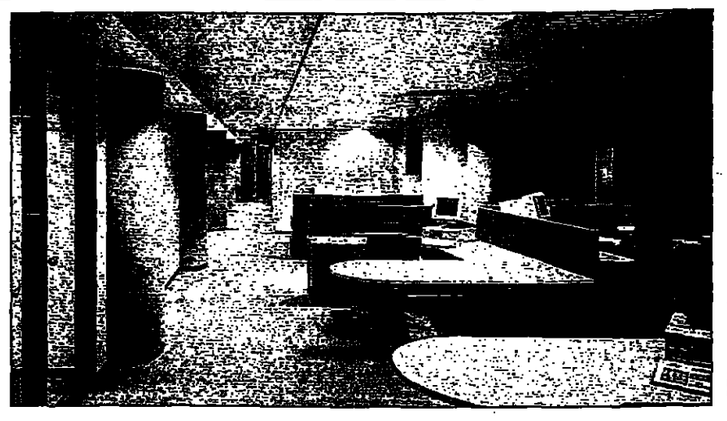
The management wanted to project the character of the company and its Scottish affiliations, while providing thorough and innovative data, computing and security systems, and to create a clear, open and well-ordered layout to encourage interaction between staff.

The judges found that the company had prepared an extremely specific brief, a rarity in this sector. They add that it also appears that all the objectives have been achieved, with the result that a quite ordinary site has been transformed into a very businesslike, efficient and pleasant place to work.

They say it was a "very pleasant experience to visit these offices and to see the obvious appreciation felt by the staff as a whole. This is an excellent example of the objectives of this competition."

The high standard of entries is shown by the fact that the Du Pont Award for Innovation has been won by the Andersen Consulting building at Kingsley Hall, Manchester. The judges remarked that "in another year" this might have been been the overall winner.





The prize in class 1, purpose-built offices, for new buildings specifically designed for an entrant's requirements went to Lloyds Bank, Canons House, Bristol (above left). In class 2, existing buildings, for accommodation provided in existing buildings, fitted out or converted to meet the entrant's requirements, the winner was Hamilton Oil, Devonshire House, Piccadilly, London (above right). Class 3, smaller offices, for offices with accommodation for between 12 and 50 staff in a purpose-built or existing building, was won by Blairlogie Capital Management, Princes Street, Edinburgh (below left). The facilities management award, for excellence in facilities management, went to Lloyds Bank, Canons House, Bristol and the Du Pont Award, for innovative design in meeting business objectives, to Andersen Consulting, Kingsley Hall, Manchester (below right).





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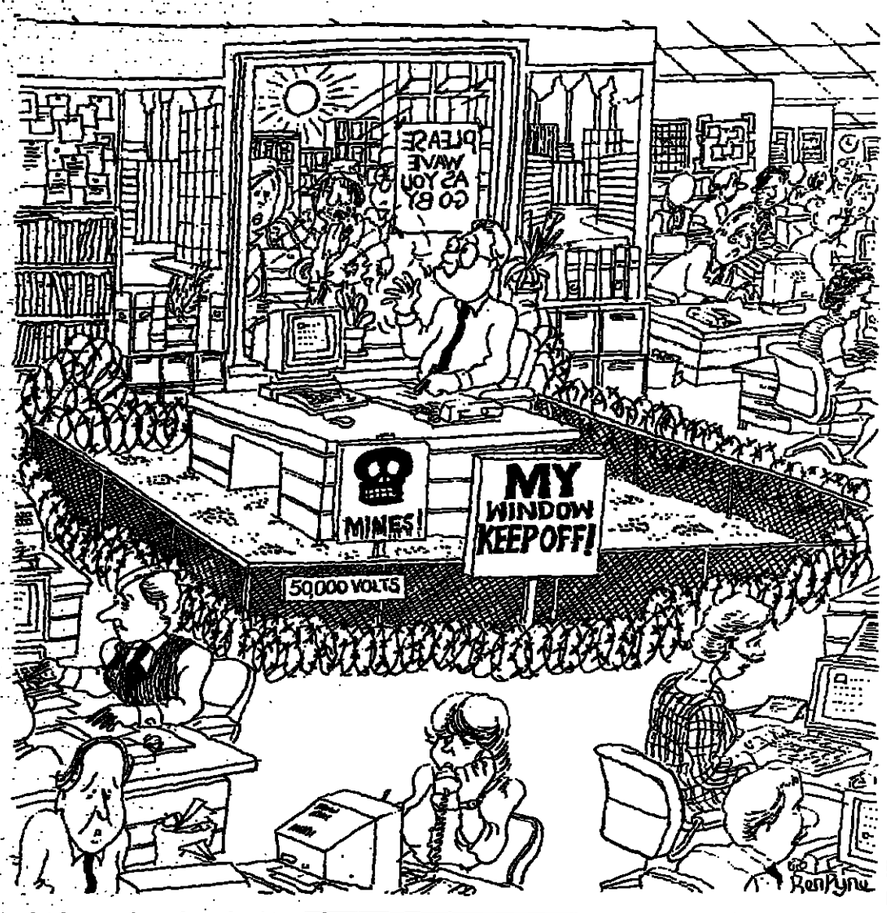
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Where's my window?

A survey reveals what office workers have always known: they like to look out on the world, says Rodney Hobson



Years of installing air-conditioning have done nothing for the morale of the workforce. Quite simply, office workers like windows.

A survey by Richard Ellis, the property consultants, has found that the desire for natural light creates even greater unanimity than issues such as the use of asbestos in buildings or the misery of repetitive strain injury. Office occupants are generally prepared to suffer noise and dirt from open windows, or arguments over how far the window should be opened, in order to retain some control over their working environment.

The study, conducted for Ellis by the Harris Research Centre, found that fresh-air fiends outnumbered by nine to one those wanting to bask in an artificial atmosphere.

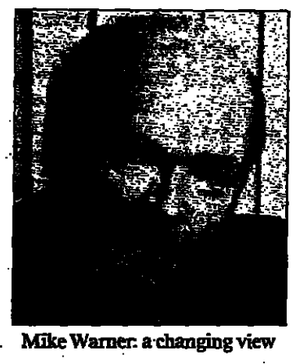
Mike Warner, the joint head of Ellis's corporate property operation, says: "This view runs contrary to the fashion in the mid 1980s when developers were encouraged to provide "deep space" for financial organisations. The high value now attributed to the use of windows, as opposed to air-conditioning, may reflect the low level of effectiveness achieved by the latter in many buildings because of bad maintenance, incorrect adaptation by users and fears about sick building syndrome and Legionnaires' Disease."

The report points out that productivity at work bears a close relationship to the work environment. Factors such as poor lighting, both natural and artificial, poorly maintained or designed air-conditioning, and poor office layouts affect performance at work, resulting in absenteeism, lower performance and even ill health.

It says that because a company's investment in its staff "often represents its greatest business outgoing there is clearly an advantage in ensuring that the workplace environment supports business output and does not detract from it. Companies that are seen to address these issues are also likely to maintain morale and retain the loyalties of their staff to a greater degree than those with a more cavalier approach."

The Harris Centre found that almost all senior managers accept that a well-designed building has an effect on productivity. It says that since the fall in speculative building, there have been many examples of office users dictating the design of major locations. Some developers, it found, have also recognised the need to improve the quality of the office environment.

A possible clue to the widespread installation of air-conditioning is found in the section of the report dealing with running costs. Future energy costs are viewed with considerable complacency. Indeed, it is only in recent years that organisations have taken any real interest in the running costs of buildings, the report says, and many still do not know what their running costs are.


Mike Warner: a changing view

An even greater prize is likely to be a desk to call one's own. A new practice that is developing is "hot-desking" whereby staff often out of the office during the working day have to plant themselves in any available space whenever they return from the outside world. It is particularly prevalent among sales staff and buyers who are often on the road seeing clients and suppliers.

Mr Warner says that in many companies one in ten staff members suffers the indignity of hot-desking and the proportion is likely to grow to about four in ten over the next five years. Savings in equipment, rent and running costs such as lighting and power are the driving force behind the sharing of desks. He says similar savings could be made if companies stopped shunting their staff from department to department. He claims that one in three staff moves within existing buildings in the space of 12 months, creating a significant expense unless the building design is flexible.

How an organisation is making big savings on office lighting

The light touch of Little Sister


New lighting which automatically dims as you leave your desk

A new lighting scheme, installed by the Buying Agency of the Environment Department at its Liverpool headquarters, is producing savings of 56 per cent in electricity running costs.

John McClellan, lighting and electrical services product manager, decided to re-light the large open-plan office to provide a more comfortable working environment for the computer operators, in line with the health and safety regulations, and to save energy.

His aim was to reduce energy consumption by 15 per cent, which is the Government's target figure for overall energy saving in its premises.

Mr McClellan says: "The new lighting will save £5,200 a year on running costs — the electrical load has been reduced from 45kw. It is easier on the eyes and there is always light on a workstation when it is required, without staff having to get up and touch switches."

He chose a scheme using "intelligent" lighting fittings for the 1,605 sq m office, which houses 107 staff. About half of them are doing visually demanding work on computer screens, including figures, and the rest paperwork. The special feature of the lighting fitting is that it senses whether people are present within a 2.5m radius and how much light is available in its area. It then adjusts the light.

Energy is saved in several ways. If dark clouds are passing over, the lighting is automatically switched on, but because the fittings contain a dimming device, full light is not used unnecessarily. Just enough light is given out to top up the light to the necessary pre-determined level. When the clouds have passed and sunlight is streaming into the office, the electric light is automatically switched off.

What is more, because the controls in each fitting are self-contained, an individual service is provided over each workstation. If someone at the back of the room requires a little more light, the whole scheme does not switch on, nor even one row of lights, only the light over that workstation.

There is much coming and going of staff for meetings and to speak to people in other departments. When people leave their desks, the fitting above switches off until they return. Big Brother is not watching you — but perhaps Little Sister is.

Another advantage for the Buying Agency arises from the flexitime shifts that staff work. Early morning and evening work, however, no longer make an impact on the electricity bill because the lighting is on only over desks that are occupied.

> 'The new lighting system has changed the look of the office — it gives it a better image'

Mr McClellan points out that the fluorescent lamps are being operated at high frequency, which also saves energy. Two 40W compact fluorescent lamps are used in each fitting, and special louvres below the tubes prevent glare, as recommended for offices in which video display terminals are used. Twenty-six of the lights also contain emergency lighting equipment and will come on automatically if there is a break-down in the mains electricity supply.

Lorraine Johnson, a supervisor in the marketing services department, says everybody is happy with the new lighting; there have been no problems with glare or reflections in the computer screens. It is also possible to see at a glance whether or not people are in and whether their light is on. "It has changed the look of the office," she says. "It gives it a better image."

Apart from economical running costs, there were savings in installation costs. Because the control devices in the lighting fittings are self-contained, they did not have to be wired back to a central energy management system. That would have cost another £12,000 to £15,000.

Further savings have been made because no wall switches are required. The cost of running cable down a wall and installing a switch is up to £50 a point. This also means that if the office layout is changed at a later date, no expense will be incurred in re-wiring switches.

The Buying Agency has automatic lighting control, finely tuned to each workstation, and the installation simply involved connecting the lighting fittings, which are by Thorn Lighting, to the ring circuit in the ceiling.

The Buying Agency, which was the Crown Suppliers until it was privatised in 1991, sets up contracts for the purchase of all types of supplies and services for different public-sector bodies.

The agency therefore regularly receives visitors from government departments, local authorities and other bodies, and the modern, high-performance lighting scheme now reflects its up-to-date image.

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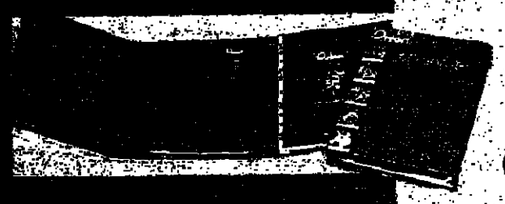
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And the future works

Barbara Trigg looks at the ideas that are changing old beliefs on the way office staff should work


ROBIN MAYES

Rodney Cooper, office-design consultant: "Management knows who works hard and who doesn't"

A cultural change is being forced on office staff which involves people *working partly from* home and incorporates new space-planning concepts. But they are *rapidly getting used to it, according* to Rodney Cooper, the senior partner responsible for space planning and interior design at Building Design Partnership, a multidisciplinary building-design firm.

Part of this change involves "harbours and commons", an American system. In this type of layout, an areas has small office *pods around the perimeter that* resemble large telephone boxes. These contain the computer terminals and are known as "harbours".

A central space with tables and chairs, whiteboards and possibly video-conferencing equipment is used for spontaneous team discussions as well as pre-arranged meetings — these areas are the "commons". In America, companies *have experimented with* meeting areas without chairs and has succeeded in achieving quicker decisions and shorter meetings. It is now believed that the most productive working time is when people discuss things together.

In harbours and commons offices, which staff visit between sessions working at home and where they no longer have their own desk but sit at any available workstation, there are different *demands on people. They have to* be thinkers and teamworkers rather than paper handlers, and therefore more highly qualified.

The office becomes a place for socialising in the sense of talking to colleagues about work and reaching solutions at team meetings. *Some people habitually arrive early* on their days at the office to get the best working positions; this tendency has become known as the German beachtowel syndrome.

Interior design for offices is following domestic trends, with softer fabrics and more muted colour schemes. Lighting in some offices is less uniform, giving the impression of pools of light. "People like it," Mr Cooper says. "The atmosphere is becoming more domestic." Trust and computer networking are the keys that are enabling the latest ideas in office planning and space saving to work.

"These are offices for grownups," he adds. "A major breakthrough is that people are now trusted to work at home. Managements know, without the need for supervisors, who works hard and who doesn't. You only supervise children. People like to be trusted and respond accordingly." So far, only one company in Europe — Rank Xerox at its west London offices — is known to be trying harbours and commons..

> 'The big, open-plan offices with air-conditioning are out; narrower buildings with natural ventilation are in'

David Thorley, architects and designers support manager at Steelcase Strafor, an office furniture systems company, says: "Harbours and commons is a team-based environment and is the solution of the future." Steelcase is doing research on office environments in conjunction with an American university, companies and designers worldwide to find out how the pattern of office work is changing, what sort of buildings architects are designing and which office furniture systems will help the new "knowledge workers" to increase their productivity.

Mr Cooper has recently been on a tour of office trends in America and he visited an office exhibition in Chicago. He reports that a number of companies are offering foldup home offices, which are being bought by employees, who *then reclaim the cost from their* employers. With a desk, laptop computer, modem and telephone, they provide all the necessities for working at home and can then be folded up to look like a cocktail cabinet.

A big skill in space planning is reducing the amount of space per person and ensuring that a building is 100 per cent occupied all the time, taking into account the days staff spend working away from the office. Large companies are saving money on premises but spending more on providing a quality environment to attract the best people.

"Big, open-plan offices with air-conditioning are out," says Mr Cooper. "Narrower buildings are being designed, 12m to 15m wide, with natural ventilation." Windows that open are coming back in fashion. He calls these buildings high-street designs because they have long, narrow interiors with a row of snack bars, restaurants and shops on the ground floor for staff. Scandinavian Airlines has such a building near Stockholm.

In the office of the future, with electronic mail and faxes, there will be less letter-writing, less post and less work for secretaries. Mr Cooper's predicts that in five years' time there will be no secretaries. He also believes that the longer hours worked during the recession, because of staff cuts, have caught on as corporate philosophy.

New firms are thriving as the computer industry's backup boys

Let the outsiders bring in supplies


Damien Griffin, Orion's managing director: £46 million turnover

From printer ribbons to office furniture, the peripherals that arrive in the wake of the office computer have spawned an industry as specialised as the computer itself.

Many organisations, even large ones that can afford to retain in-house expertise, have found that they can achieve savings and obtain better service by contracting out office supplies.

John Beckett, marketing director at Orion, an office-supplies specialist based at Brentford in west London, says: "We supply customers with discs and diskettes for computers and items such as cartridges and toners for the printers. Datacentre customers need diskette *boxes and copyholders. We also* offer specialised furniture, including tables and chairs with places to plug in computers.

"Supplies can come to 25 per cent of total expenditure on computers. Office managers need to realise that when they have bought the computer, a significant part of the cost is still to come."

Orion was founded in 1984 with six staff, and has grown phenomenally. Turnover has risen from £21 million in 1992 to £36 million last year and £46 million in the 12 months to July. Sales for the 1994 calendar year are likely to top £50 million. The company has 145 employees, with premises in London and Leeds.

It started as a supplier to the financial-services sector in the City and stockbrokers such as S.G. Warburg and Kleinwort Benson are still among its customers. Business was given a great boost by the so-called Big Bang when stockmarket trading was deregulated.

Orion is not alone in having strong growth. Though computer *dealers have realised the profit*ability for themselves of adding services and supplies onto the contract to deliver the original hardware, the computer office supplies market is highly fragmented.

Even the biggest names in the computer world, including IBM, 3M and Hewlett Packard, recognise the value of distributing products through independent suppliers.

Individual items can be quite cheap — for example a ribbon may cost only £2 — and small suppliers can have the flexibility to cope with small orders. The independents claim they are also better at *supplying solutions to problems.*

Some concentrate on a handful of products. Others act as a one-stop shop, producing catalogues that run to 100 pages or more.

> His company offers a special hotline to provide advice for the terminally challenged

Many suppliers act as wholesalers, buying from the computer manufacturers and supplying end-users through a network of dealers. Large customers are normally fed direct, and a dedicated sales team may be assigned to the biggest, although most suppliers will try to avoid treading on toes within their dealer network.

Damien Griffin, Orion's managing director, says: "By using a supplier such as ourselves, computer users no longer need an in-house store with a store manager. They *can keep smaller stocks. A large* company will have different types of equipment from various computer manufacturers in different departments. Supplies for all departments will have to be kept in stock. We can deliver any sort of supplies, to any site, within 24 hours."

End users, even those without technical skills, are expected to be able to replace worn-out parts such as printer ribbons. As Mr Griffin says, "If you have the *ability to buy* a car, you are surely able to undo the petrol cap." Even so, he offers a hotline to provide advice for the terminally challenged.

Even when stocks are kept in-house, Mr Griffin says, the store manager may be an administrator rather than a *computer expert.* Despite the growth of computer-linked office supplies, demand for office stationery is also growing. Mr Griffin says: "If anything, we have found that the more computerised an office becomes, the *more paper people want.* They still want something physical in their hand.

The capacity of computers has improved greatly. One personal computer can now do what ten did a few years ago, yet the hunger for knowledge is growing *faster than the computer.* The requirement for data has increased enormously."

The first signs of the paperless office are there to be seen. Office suppliers are finding a greater willingness among their customers to order new supplies electronically rather than by ticking boxes on order forms. The day of the procurement card, where orders are stored on plastic similar to a credit card, is dawning.

"*Customers are realising that 60* per cent of their purchase orders account for only 3 per cent of the total value of their purchases," Mr Griffin says. "They are realising the cost of tying up staff on processing lots of small orders."

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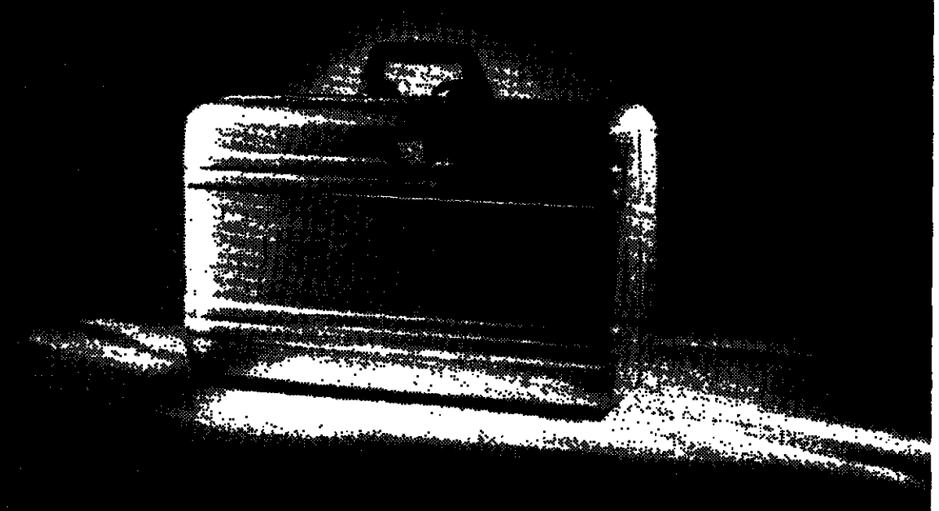
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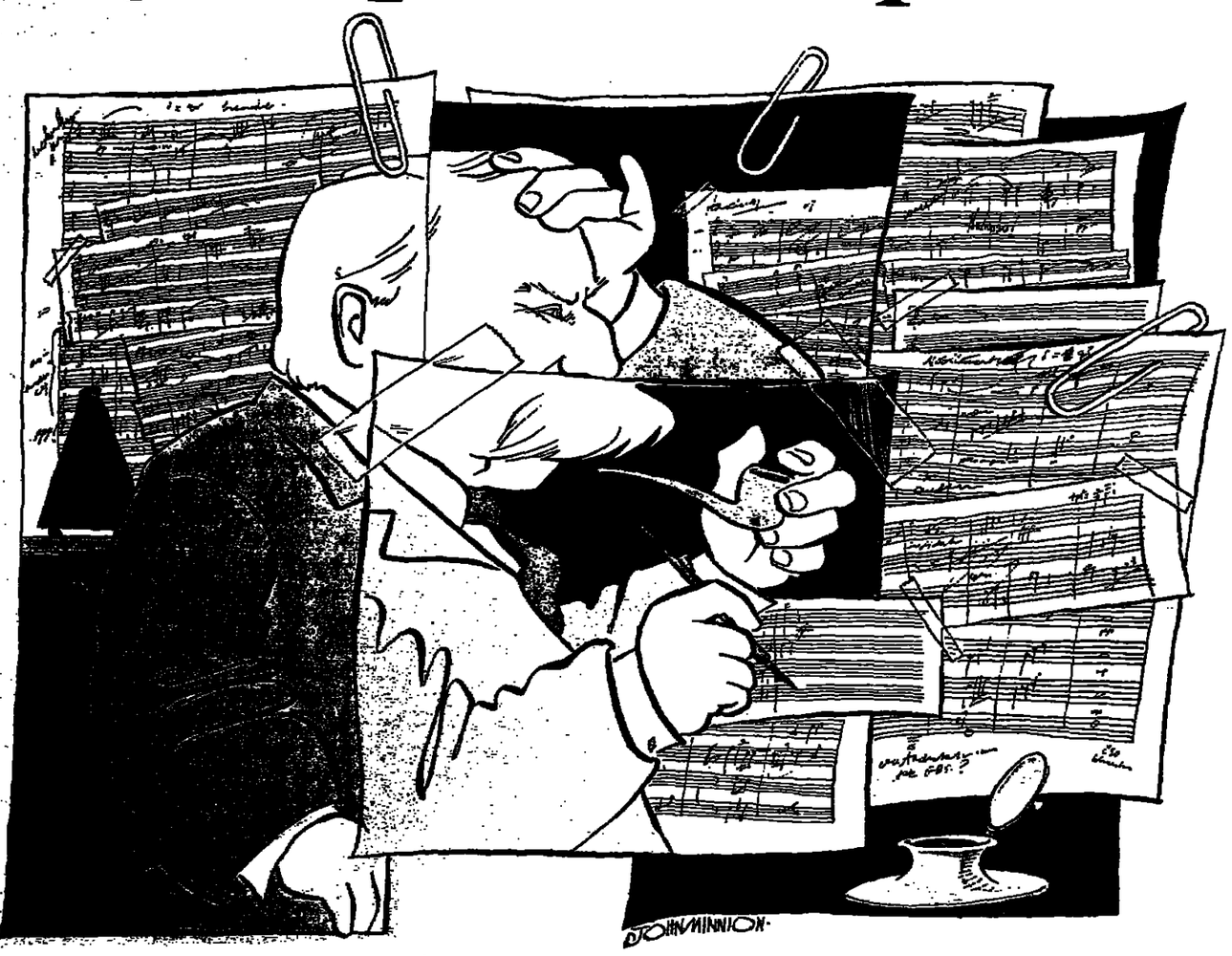
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OPERA: A fragment reconstructed; *The Ring* complete in Paris; and a British director's triumph at the New York Met

Elgar's lady steps out in public

The Spanish Lady was the opera left in embryonic form when Elgar died. Next week, however, it will be staged. **Richard Morrison** reports



Dr Percy Young is a brave man. He has announced to the world not only that he has discovered the Lost City of Atlantis, but also that he has salvaged it, polished it up, and is putting it on public display next week.

Not literally, you understand. But in the world of English music the 82-year-old scholar's behaviour amounts to much the same thing. For in Cambridge next week the University Opera Society will be staging what is described as "the world premiere of Elgar's only opera". And it is Young who has "reconstructed" this mythical beast.

Since *The Spanish Lady* was never actually constructed in the first place — merely left as a big brown folder of jumbled jottings when Elgar died in 1934 — Elgarians are more than a little puzzled. What has Young (who wrote a seminal study of Elgar's music 40 years ago) done with their hero's last, sketchy musical thoughts? And what will the Cambridge performers do when Elgar's scanty bits of music run out? If the Louvre announced that it was pasting arms on the Venus de Milo, the reaction of mingled scepticism, alarm and curiosity would hardly be greater.

"People don't criticise architects who make sound reconstructions of what was there before," Young says, by way of justification. "I look on this as an architectural exercise, and I have the advantage of having been brought up in Elgar's day. His harmonic world is mine also."

Nevertheless, the extent of Young's reconstruction may be thought bold to the point of recklessness. True, Elgar left 180 fragments of *Spanish Lady* music in that brown folder. They were published three years ago as Volume 41 of Novello's *Elgar Complete Edition*, along with the libretto — adapted from Ben Jonson's play *The Devil is an Ass* by Elgar himself and the theatre impresario *Sir Barry Jackson*.

But, as Young readily admits, most of these pieces are only a few bars long, none is orchestrated (apart from one tiny snatch), and many lack harmony. Young has virtually composed some numbers from scratch, based on mere wisps of Elgar themes. He has completely orchestrated the work for 26 players (Elgar had grander ideas). He has recast the libretto, basing it more thoroughly on Jonson's play than Jackson envisaged; and taken music from elsewhere in Elgar's output, as well as spoken dialogue direct from Jonson, to fill in the gaps.

> Elgar was clutching at the straws of his own past greatness

Now, perhaps, it becomes clear why other Elgar scholars are shaking their heads at his audacity. "But it is a great mistake to write something with other scholars in mind," says Young unrepentantly. "I have tried to produce something which Elgar might have recognised as being a tolerable reconstruction of his intentions."

The pity is that Elgar did not live long enough to complete *The Spanish Lady* himself. Or rather, that he waited until he was nearly 75 years old before beginning the "great English opera" that friends had been urging him to produce in his prime, 30 years earlier. There had certainly been no shortage of eminent suitors suggesting subjects. The Irish novelist George Moore had proposed to Elgar what Young describes as a "wonderful plot" as early as 1902. Later, Laurence Binyon, whose war poetry Elgar set so superbly in *The Spirit of England*, approached the composer several times with an idea for an Arthurian opera.

Even W.S. Gilbert sent Elgar a reworking of one of his early plays, *The Wicked World*. And much later, Elgar's close friendship with George Bernard Shaw led to thoughts that the Irish dramatist might supply a libretto. Shaw, perhaps wisely, realised that his wordy rhetoric would not happily bed down with Elgar's flowing lyricism.

By 1932 Elgar must have realised that time was running out. He consulted another friend, Sir Barry Jackson, founder of the Birmingham Rep and of the Festival in Elgar's beloved Malvern. "Elgar told me that he wanted to write something that was thoroughly English roast beef and beer," Jackson later recalled. "And he could think of nothing better than Jonson's *The Devil is an Ass*. This play was a complete stranger to me."

Jackson advised simplicity and economy, to ensure that the work would be performed in those Depression years. Elgar was having none of it. "It is going to be a Grand Opera, and it is going to be very grand, and it is going to out-*Meistersinger* the *Meistersinger*," he told Jackson.

So Elgar set to work, though he had written no major piece for more than a decade. He was also, he told friends, hard at work on his new Symphony No 3. He must have known that his chances of finishing either work were remote. In the event, *The Spanish Lady* advanced far quicker than the Symphony, which not even Dr Young is thinking of reconstructing. "I feel somewhat shy of writing at my age," Elgar wrote to Jackson. "But on listening to it I fail to notice any marked senility."

A new edition of Jonson's plays had come out, and Elgar, a voracious consumer of literature, had devoured it. Indeed, he had entered into scholarly correspondence about Jonson in the *Times Literary Supplement*. When he came to assemble the libretto for *The Spanish Lady*, he turned not just to *The Devil is an Ass* but to much else beside: Young has found references taken from no fewer than 17 Jonson plays, as well the bizarre inclusion of a poem by John Hay, the American ambassador to Britain in the 1890s.

Thus emboldened, Young has also supplied words of his own to a great love duet in G flat that Elgar left without text. "The music is an absolute winner," Young says. "And nobody has yet complained about the words."

But it is Jonson's *Devil is an Ass* that supplies the bulk of the story, a saucy satire on contemporary Jacobean mores. In the play, the devil *is* an ass because when he sends a minion to London the little devil is quite outdone in the evil stakes by the profiteers, land developers, speculators and philanderers he encounters there. The devil retires, beaten at his own game, with the observation that "Hell is a grammar-school" compared with London.

Young believes that the "morality play" aspect of Jonson's drama was what appealed to Elgar, who had himself been stung by dodgy share-dealings. "The play holds up a mirror to London in 1616, which was a very corrupt place," Young observes. "But it is also — politically, socially and sleazily — very relevant to the present day as well."

What, though, of Elgar's music? It is certainly rich in pastiche ancient dances. But Young admits that most of the so-called "new compositions" for the opera were recycled by Elgar from things he had written, in some cases, fifty years earlier.

In truth, he was an old man clutching at the straws of his own past greatness when he came to write *The Spanish Lady*, and no amount of clever reconstruction is going to disguise that. And yet no true lover of English music will willingly miss the curious "world premiere" in Cambridge next week, if only to experience the utterly Elgarian anguish of imagining what might have been.

● *The Spanish Lady will be performed on November 24, 25 and 26 at the West Road Concert Hall, Cambridge. Tickets: 0223 357851*

The Met changes its tune

IT IS a popular pastime in New York to tut-tut the artistic timidity of the Metropolitan Opera. The intelligentsia here, looking over its shoulder at Europe, is always bemoaning the absence of the avant-garde at America's leading opera company.

Graham Vick's premiere production of Shostakovich's **Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk** ought to shut them up for a while. Ceaselessly imaginative, witty and, best of all, faithfully at the service of the text, it is the most dramatically effective new production at the Met in many seasons.

Vick, who was making his Met debut, set the opera in a protean, nightmare vision of post-perestroika Russia, a soulless place haunted by the ghosts of Stalinism and obsessed by machines. Throughout the opera, the set is dominated by a massive, lowering television and a rather disreputable refrigerator to which the men are always resorting for something to drink.

Stage designer Paul Brown, also a debutant, gave generous treatment to the satirical aspect of Shostakovich's "tragi-satirical opera"; the bed upon which Katerina and Sergei make love, a poisonous magenta confection that might have been made to Claes Oldenburg's specifications, is brought out and dumped on the stage with a forklift driven by a female stagehand wearing a wedding dress. Pop Art is invoked again in Act III: the entrance of the police is announced by a huge poster of a comic-strip first emblazoned with the word "POW" (in Russian characters, of course): Soviet Realism meets Roy Lichtenstein.

Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk
Metropolitan Opera, New York

The soloists were all excellent, singing as well as they acted the parts given them by Vick. Maria Ewing was mesmerising in the name part, sounding at moments uncannily like another memorable Lady Macbeth, Galina Vishnevskaya, her voice wailing and keening like the wind roaring across the steppes. Tenor Vladimir Galouzine, in his debut, was a powerful Sergei, deftly capturing the humorous nuances of the role. Met veteran Sergei Koptchak effectively played *Boris*, the father-in-law, as a shambling fool with a strong resemblance to Alexander Solzhenitsyn.

The orchestra, conducted by James Conlon, successively played with exquisite polish, Dionysiac abandon and sparkling wit, making music of a score that in some performances is too often a muddle. Conlon has a special talent for goading the orchestra to play with thrilling volume when required, yet never drowning out the soloists.

It took 60 years for Shostakovich's towering, nihilistic opera to reach the Met (actually, a touring production with Artur Rodzinski and the Cleveland Orchestra performed the piece on the stage of the old house in 1935), but it was well worth the wait. Vick and the company have given New York an exhilarating evening of music theatre, and one suspects that the invitation to return must already have been tendered.

JAMIE JAMES

MUSIC: **Stephen Pettitt** meets the composer Graham Fitkin

Fresh Mersey sound

Graham Fitkin's music, I confess, is not my cup of tea. But when you meet the composer, who lives quietly and works like a maniac in Cornwall, he proves to be a disarmingly convincing man. Challenge him about such things as the repetition of minimalist music, and he does not throw a pink fit. He thinks about it, enjoys a joust, and quite often agrees that you have a point. Then he patiently explains what he is trying to do.

The first thing is that he insists he is not a minimalist at all. "I've taken aspects of minimalism and repetitive music and I do enjoy it," he says. "But my music's a lot more chopped up and heavily structured than those guys." The bottom line is that he writes the music that suits him, and that music is broadly classical and objective, as befits a mind obsessed with organisation. He is also refreshingly aware of his relative youth and inexperience.

He was recently appointed composer-in-residence for a two-year period at the war-torn Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra. During his remaining time with the orchestra there will emerge a ten-minute work called *Henry*, commemorating the tercentenary of Purcell's death, a new work for the Merseyside Youth Orchestra and, at the end of 1995, a piece for piano and orchestra composed for Peter Donohoe and the RLPO. And tonight at the Anglican Cathedral in Liverpool there is the world premiere of *Length*, his first piece for the orchestra.

Not a bad list for a composer who deserted orchestral writing in 1984 in preference for more homogenous ensembles, like six pianos, and who professes to having "fundamental problems" with the orchestra. "I don't like the sound for a lot of the time. But this is an opportunity to see if my music can in fact function with an orchestra." Stravinsky's block-style of orchestration, with each section more or less keeping itself to itself, is logically his principal exemplar.



Fitkin: Liverpool's composer in residence

"I like to think that *Length* deals with time, and about how similar amounts of real time are perceived in different ways, depending on the amount of information you might put into them. Or where they come into relation with a previous bit of music, or whatever. It's hardly earth-shattering stuff, but it's the first time I've explored something where I could alter people's perceptions of time."

Length is a radical reworking of another piece of the same title, written for David Massingham Dance in 1990, which Fitkin readily admits was too mathematically structured. Now he realises that the tensions he wants to create are more effective if a little unpredictability is built in. The joins between sections, he says, are more fluid. "I think ten years ago I was forcing the issue a lot with mathematics and general structure. I've got much freer, I hope."

That sign of flexibility is something one welcomes, and it is further evident on the latest recording of Fitkin's music to hit the shops — called, after the piece at its core, *Hard Fairy* (Decca Argo 444 112-2). Surrounding that central work are several rather lovely, quietly expressive, short piano pieces that positively deny repetition and quick pulsation and whose layout and harmony bring to mind Chopin's Nocturnes without the quirkiness.

But Fitkin will not be going the whole Romantic hog. In fact he still rather dislikes Romantic music. Surprisingly it turns out that he is a fan of Brian Ferneyhough. "It so happens that my music is not of that ilk." But, with luck, it might get a little closer.

● *Length will be premiered at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral tonight at 7.30pm (051-709 3789)*

Ring in the new and magical

Siegfried / Götterdämmerung
Châtelet, Paris

The final Châtelet *Ring* cycle drew to its close on Sunday to thunderous and well-deserved applause for conductor Jeffrey Tate and the singers. The producer Pierre Strosser joined them, to a barrage of boos (wholly undeserved), and then — bravely? foolhardily? — took a solo call to allow people to vent their wrath without let or hindrance. Why do people react so violently to *Ring* productions? What do audiences want? A literal representation of 19th-century stage directions that would look fatuous today?

The cycles have been a personal triumph for Tate. The restlessness that marked parts of *Walküre* last week was only a passing phase: taken as a whole this *Ring* was wonderfully well conducted. He worked, of course, as assistant to Pierre Boulez on the Bayreuth centenary cycles, and matches his mentor's businesslike, austere pacing. The strict-tempo Rhine Journey was perhaps a little too austere, but the whole second act of *Götterdämmerung* blazed with unstoppable dramatic energy.

But Tate was always aware of the music's beauty, and where appropriate lingered over it mouthwateringly: the Forest Murmurs, the passage before Brünnhilde's Awakening, Siegfried's dying reminiscences. Especially memorable was the accompaniment to Waltraute's description of Wotan dreaming of Brünnhilde, one of those moments when time seemed to be suspended. In the end the seal of Tate's success was stamped by the superb quality he drew from the Orchestre National de France. It was fresh, beautifully balanced, colourful and always pointed, never just sound for sound's sake.



Robert Hale (the Wanderer) and Peter Keller (the Mime) in a scene from Pierre Strosser's production of *Siegfried*

And there was the quality of the singing he coaxed from a fine cast, right down to Donna Brown's crystal-clear Woodbird. Robert Hale's Wotan was consistently mellow of tone and free at both extremes of the range — here is an undervalued singer at the height of his powers. Franz-Joseph Kappellmann (Alberich) and Peter Keller (Mime) were exceptionally vivid brother Nibelungs. Eike Wilm Schulte, for some reason got up to look like Siegfried Wagner, sang nobly as Gunter. The only disappointments were Kurt Rydl's relentlessly loud, unsteady Hagen, and a miscast Waltraute.

Heinz Kruse, hitherto a character tenor, has recently turned to Siegfried with decidedly positive results. His voice is on the dry side, but he is musical, tireless and has the same sort of open-faced, innocent integrity remembered of Alberto Remedios: he makes the man likeable, and that is almost half the battle. Gabriele Schnaut's Brünnhilde is more a matter of taste. She certainly has what Anna Russell so memorably described as "a good cutting edge" to her voice, but her diction is indistinct, her phrasing wooden. She was *souffrante* — so much more expressive a word than "indisposed" — for *Siegfried* where Janis Martin, although less naturally gifted, gave the game away by joining the notes into finely moulded musical phrases.

Strosser's production I persist in admiring greatly, not least because of Joël Hourbeigt's austere but ravishing lighting plot. Strosser never illustrated the music — how can one, adequately? — but worked with and around it in dramatic counterpoint. He emphasised human values in settings audiences could recognise. Maybe that's why some of them hated it.

In the final pages there was no Disneyland attempt to show a burning Valhalla or Hagen frisking with the Rhinemaidens. Brünnhilde sat at the edge of the world, the light of the Rhine reflected in her face before turning to us: "Do better next time." Unforgettable.

RODNEY MILNES

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

EVERYBODY'S SHAKESPEARE The Barbican's festival winds up this week with two more theatre productions. Peter Sellars's extremely controversial staging of **The Merchant of Venice** (set in Venice Beach, California) at least has a powerful central performance by the black actor Paul Butler. Over in the Pit, the Georgian Film Actors Studio, Tbilisi, return with **A Midsummer Night's Dream**, an impish and earthy production seen in Edinburgh last year, where it divided audiences and critics.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2pm. **Pit** (Schedule and Box Office as before)

STREETSTYLE Bikers, surfers, rockabillies and hipsters rub shoulders with goths, rockers, rastas and punks in an explosion of street culture on the *Cromwell Road*. The museum's study of cool goes from high fashion to street, including original clothing, music, photographs and accessories.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, SW7 (071-938 8500). Mon, noon-5.30pm, Tue-Sun, 10am-5.30pm. Today until Feb 19.

RICOCHET Nigel Havers stars in a touring production of Malcolm Taylor's new spool comedy thriller. Murder, bluff and double bluff at the remote family pile, with Richard O'Callaghan, Neil Stacey and Charlotte Pyecroft.
Richmond, The Green, Richmond (081-940 0088). Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm, mats today and Sat, 2.30pm

ELSEWHERE

BIRMINGHAM: A busy musical week for the city features the **Welsh National Opera** with another stopover on its great autumn season tour. Performances are of *La traviata*, *Beatrice and Benedict*, *The Makropoulos Case* and *Turandot*. Over at Symphony Hall, Marek Janowski conducts the **CBSO** for a programme of Webern, Strauss and Schubert tomorrow, the **Vienna Boys Choir** appears for a programme of Handel's *Messiah*.
Hippodrome, Hurst Street (021-622 7486). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm. **Symphony Hall**, Broad Street (021-212 3333). Tonight, 7.30pm, Thurs, 8pm.

HUDDERSFIELD: Dull will certainly not come into the vocabulary for the opening week of this year's **Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival**. The eccentric Austrian composer H K Gruber is the soloist tonight in a revival of his *Frankenstein!!*, which is coupled with Maxwell Davies's classic music-theatre creepie, *Eight Songs for a Mad King*. Tomorrow sees the world premiere of his *Gloria — a pigtale*.
Box Office (0484 430528). Today until Nov 27.

SOUTHAMPTON: The ingenious David Glass Ensemble's production of Paul Theroux's **The Mosquito Coast** is set to a live Salsa score plus Brazilian martial arts, water, wet sand but no mosquitos. *A tour of this tale of one man's dreams and demons follows.*
Nuffield, University Rd (0703 671771). *Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm*, mat Dec 3, 2.30pm. Until Dec 3

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: A Bitter Truth: Avant-Garde Art and the Great War (071-638 4141) **British Museum**: *Japanese Imperial Craftsmen*, New European Applied Arts Galleries (071-636 1555) ... **Hayward**: *The Romantic Spirit in German Art 1790-1990* (071-928 3144) ... **National Portrait Gallery**: The Sitwells (071-306 0055) ... **National Gallery**: The Young Michelangelo (071-839 3321) ... **Royal Academy**: The Glory of Venice (071-439 7438) ... **Serpentine**: Rebecca Horn (071-402 6075) ... **Tate**: Turner Prize Finalists (071-887 8000) **Whitechapel**: Miquel Barceló, final week (071-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ House full, returns only
◪ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

■ **ALICE'S ADVENTURES UNDER GROUND** Christopher Hampton does not go far under the skin of Lewis Carroll. Accomplished acting by Michael Maloney and little Sasha Hanau but the play's purpose is unclear.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm

◪ **THE DANUBE** Nancy Meckler directs an eerie love-story by Maria Irene Fornes, set in pre-war Budapest.
Gate, Prince Albert Pub, Pembridge Rd, W11 (071-229 0706). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm

☐ **THE EDITING PROCESS** Stephen Daldry directs Alan Howard and Prunella Scales in Meredith Oakes's thinnish comedy about publishing malpractices.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat, 3.30pm. Until Dec 3

☐ ***HAMLET*** *Peter Hall directs Stephen* Dillane's darkly humorous, self-detesting Prince, backed by excellent playing from *Michael Pennington, Donald* Sinden and Alan Dobie.
Gielgud, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). *Mon-Sat, 7.15pm; mats* Thurs and Sat, 2pm

☐ **OUT OF THE BLUE** A sung-through musical drama, composed by Shun Ichi-Tokura with libretto by Paul Sand. David Gilmore directs the love story set in Japan during the Second World War.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Now previewing, 7.45pm, opens Nov 23, 7pm

◪ ***A PASSIONATE WOMAN*** Ned Sherrin directs Stephanie Cole in Kay Mellor's entertaining, though lightweight comedy, who'd rather sit on the roof and dream than attend her son's wedding.
Comedy, Panton Street, SW1 (071-369 1731). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **THE PRIME OF MISS JEAN BRODIE** Patricia Hodge's crystal vowels perfectly suit the role of Muriel Spark's inspirational but dangerous schoolteacher and carry Alan Strachan's revival across the dodgier scenes.
Strand, Strand, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm

◪ **THE QUEEN AND I** Sue Townsend's satiric romp follows the deposed royals as they struggle to survive on a council estate. Not as subversive as one might expect. Max Stafford Clark directs.
Vaudeville, The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

☐ **THE SISTERS ROSENSWEIG** Wendy Wasserstein's cosy *tears 'n' laughter drama. Three sisters* (Maureen Lipman, Janet Suzman and Linda Bellingham) seek happiness.
Old Vic, Waterloo Rd, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm; mats *Wed, 2.30pm and Sat, 4pm*

■ **THREE TALL WOMEN**. Maggie Smith, Frances de la Tour and Anastasia Hille play the women who haunted the childhood of Edward Albee. His Pulitzer Prizewinner, directed by Anthony Page.
Wyndhams, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-369 1736). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed and Sat, 3pm

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia**: Haymarket (071-930 8800) ☐ **Beautiful Thing**: Duke of York's (071-836 5122) ... ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☐ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ... ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ... ☐ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) ... ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) ☐ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ... ◪ **Grease**: Dominion (071-416 6060) ... ◪ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) ... ☐ **Lady Windermere's Fan**: Albery (071-867 1115) ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ... ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) ☐ **Neville's Island**: Apollo (071-494 5070) ... ☐ **Once on This Island**: Island (Royalty, 071-494 5090) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ◪ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (071-836 8888) ☐ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055) ... ◪ **Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238)

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CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where *indicated with the symbol ◆*) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

DREAM LOVER (18): James Spader discovers that Mädchen Amick, his new wife, is not all that she appears to be. Nicholas Kazan's cool, over-stylised psychological thriller.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

FLESH AND BONE (15): Lugubrious tale of blighted Texan lives from *Fabulous Baker Boys* director Steve Kloves. With Dennis Quaid, Meg Ryan and James Caan.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) ***Trocadero*** (071-434 0031)

IT COULD HAPPEN TO YOU (PG): Bland comedy about a winning lottery ticket, with Nicolas Cage, Bridget Fonda and Rosie Perez.
Odeons: Kensington (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

SLEEP WITH ME (18): LA friends party, play poker and suffer in love. *Uneven first feature by Rory Kelly*, featuring Eric Stoltz, Meg Tilly and Craig Sheffer.
MGMs: Haymarket (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

THREE COLOURS: RED (15): Kieslowski's compelling film about criss-crossing lives, a majestic climax to his trilogy.
Chelsea (071-351 3742) **Gate** (071-727 4043) **Lumiere** (071-836 0691) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Hill** (071-435 3366)

CURRENT

THE BROWNING VERSION (15): Solid, unspectacular version of Rattigan's play, with Albert Finney as the classics teacher facing retirement. With Greta Scacchi, Matthew Modine and Julian Sands. Director, Mike Figgis.
MGM Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **THE CLIENT** (15): Mediocre version of John Grisham's thriller about a boy in jeopardy, with Susan Sarandon, Tommy Lee Jones and Brad Renfro.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ ***FORREST GUMP*** (12): *Endearing if* indulgent odyssey through post-war America, ideal for baby boomers. With *Tom Hanks. Director, Robert Zemeckis.*
Empire (0800 888911) **MGMs: Baker St** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

LADYBIRD LADYBIRD (18): Volatile mother versus social services. Emotionally devastating drama from Ken Loach, based on a true story, with a powerful performance by Crissy Rock.
Plaza (0800 888997)

LOVE IN THE STRANGEST WAY (15): A husband's infidelity brings dire consequences. Christopher Frank's aloof French thriller that deserves a remake.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

◆ **MARY SHELLEY'S FRANKENSTEIN** (15): Unwieldy, overdone, unenjoyable slog through the famous story. Kenneth Branagh directs and stars with Robert De Niro and Helena Bonham Carter.
Barbican (071-638 8891) **MGMs: Baker Street** (071-935 9772) **Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Notting Hill Coronet** (071-727 6705) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426-915 683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

◆ **PULP FICTION** (18): Quentin Tarantino's flamboyant crime epic weaves together three tales from the LA underworld. With John Travolta, Bruce Willis and Samuel L. Jackson.
MGMs: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (071-836 6279) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Renoir** (071-837 8402) **Screen/Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Screen/Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-437 4343)

◆ **SPEED** (15): Enjoyable package of thrills, with Keanu Reeves as the SWAT team daredevil faced with a bomb on an LA bus. With Sandra Bullock and Dennis Hopper.
MGMs: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** (071-792 3332)

TRUE LIES (15): Schwarzenegger saves the world from Middle East terrorists. But what about his marriage? Overblown fun with Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, James Cameron.
Empire (0800 888911)

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** on a witty debut by a playwright for the future

Universality of heard knocks

Peaches
Royal Court

There is a wonderful moment in Alan Bennett's *Getting On* when a 17-year-old turns on his father, who is enviously attributing all sorts of sexually athletic feats to him. He is, he reveals, still a virgin. "How is it easier to reach out and touch someone for the first time?" he asks. "Why is it easier for me now than it was for you then, *whenever that was?*"

Nick Grosso's *Peaches* carries a similar message for any old goat or goatess tempted to think that "the younger generation" has liberated itself from anxieties that have always afflicted the human species. How much or how little actually *"goes on" between the* students, former students and couch potatoes in his play is deliberately left unclear. What is certain is that there is as much insecurity, bluster, fantasy-spinning, gossip, disinformation and know-it-all pontificating now as there was *in 1934 or 1894. AD or BC.*

James Macdonald's production *is set in cars or pubs*, sometimes with filmed street-scenes or shots of the M1 rolling behind the participants. These are called Rob and Pete, Emma and Pippa, and speak the same offhandedly goofy jargon in a half-cockney that, given Grosso's hints about their parents' social circumstances, must mostly be affected. They act cool, but are in fact as earnest as Victorian curates when it comes to discussing the "scenes" they and their friends are having with each other.

None more so than Ben Chaplin's Frank. Told by Holly Aird's Cherry at a drunken leaving party that she has fancied him since their first term at college, he looks knowing and acts dumb. All he does when they are alone is mumble: "Everyone thinks we're at it, so we might as well do it", an invitation she understandably rejects. But that does not stop him swanking to his chums about how she is overdosing on Valium, all for unrequited love of him, and half-believing it himself.

Peaches might be Ann Jellicoe's *Knack* retooled for the 1990s. It is a first play by a young man who manifestly knows the world he evokes and writes with humour and unpatronising sympathy of the animal-life inside it. True, he skims rather than delves, allowing Chaplin's Frank only one moment of obvious unhappiness. "This ain't no city of effing angels," he says to someone who twerpishly confuses London with LA, and clearly means it.

But why dwell on what Grosso has yet to do than what he has already achieved? Take the scene in which Matt Bardock's Rob drives through north London ogling girls and describing a visit to a massage parlour. Somehow he contrives to suggest that by ending up spending a tenner on a shower there he bested the hordes of tarts waiting to serve him. "They were really pissed off," he chortles. A delightful touch from a most promising dramatist.


MARILYN KINGWILL
Driving around and getting nowhere, Ben Chaplin and Kate Hardie play the game of sex in Nick Grosso's *Peaches*

CONCERTS: Canadian percussionists just miss the mark; catching up with a fecund Schnittke

Bang on regardless

Nexus
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EVEN though the repertoire includes masterpieces by such figures as Xenakis and Cage, all percussion groups face the problem of its smallness. Most groups either trawl around for new non-masterpieces or write their own. But non-masterpieces can be too non-masterly, while players usually write pieces designed for players, exercises in technical display.

The Canadian group Nexus undoubtedly play brilliantly, as this opening concert of their Contemporary Music Network tour amply demonstrated. They adopted both solutions, giving four pieces composed by their own members and the world premiere of a new work by Gavin Bryars. The title of this last piece, *One Last Bar Then Joe Can Sing*, proved to be more imaginative than its content. A pregnant opening idea, taken from Bryars's opera *Medea* and scored for untuned percussion, evolves into music of definite pitch played on marimbas, vibraphones and song bells but inhabits a decidedly restricted harmonic orbit. The dynamic is restrained, the effect soporific.

Among the group's own works, John Wyre's *Marubatoo* for marimbas, crotales and songbells belonged to the ambience of a swish café-bar. Bob Becker's *Turning Point* for piano, marimba, vibes, songbells, glockenspiel and crotales went faster but still lasted longer than its inspiration demanded.

Mercifully, Robin Engelman's *Remembrance* turned away from marimba-dominated sounds in favour of unpitched exotica. And the group's arrangement of a traditional Zimbabwean melody, "Mbira" offered a rubato-ridden version played on a spectacular mbira mounted within a hollowed-out gourd, followed by a more vigorous celebration of the tune.

Only one piece was really worth its place here. John Cage's *Third Construction*, an earlyish work written in 1941, takes its cues from Varese and proceeds to stun us with its exuberance, virtuosity, brutality and, above all, colour.

STEPHEN PETTITT

After the fun has gone

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IF YOU have lost track of the number of symphonies to date by Alfred Schnittke, you may be forgiven. English audiences have only just had the chance to hear No 6 — given its British premiere by the LSO under Mstislav Rostropovich on Sunday night. But already No 7 has been given by the New York Philharmonic under Kurt Masur, while the world premiere of No 8 in Stockholm will be reviewed on these pages later this week.

This late fecundity of Schnittke seems to represent a desperate desire to communicate by a man whose health is reported to be fragile in the extreme. Gone are the collages of ironic quotations, the mock-baroque harpsichords, the virtuoso deployment of massive forces. In their place are lean, exiguous textures, concentrated but unconnected bursts of activity and some frankly uningratiating writing.

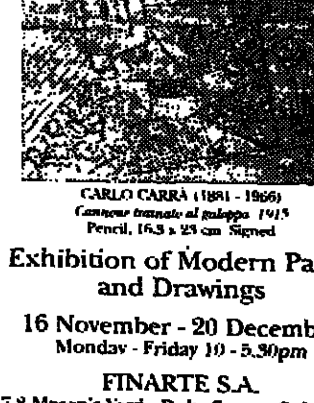
The Symphony No 6 begins with low growls and high proclamations, both on the brass. Lower strings enter with sinister rumbles, and the movement continues for a total of eight minutes with similarly aggressive statements that never cohere into an argument. The Presto second movement is barely less fragmented, and not until the third-movement Adagio do the strings weave anything like an expressive line. The finale offers neither explanation nor resolution: it is hard not to feel short-changed. The programme ended with yet another new work by the composer, the *Concerto for Three*. A sense of dogged determination marked the first movement, although Yuri Bashmet's movement suggested more passion, while Gidon Kremer's had an introspective quality. Something of the old blend of savagery and fun returned in the finale, especially when Clive Gillinson, the LSO's managing director, quelled the proceedings with a perfectly aimed forearm smash on the piano.

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Chris Smith could be Heritage Secretary in a Labour Government. **Andy Lavender** strives for substance from the Shadow

Perhaps somebody should scratch Chris Smith to see if he is flesh and blood, or made from some remarkable alloy developed in the New Labour laboratory. For if you had to invent a Blairite Shadow Heritage Secretary, you could hardly hope to better the current model, appointed to the post in the recent Shadow Cabinet reshuffle.

First, there is his arts background: a degree in English *Literature*, a PhD in early 19th-century poetry (with particular reference to Coleridge and Wordsworth). Then there are his involvements beyond Whitehall as governor of the Sadler's Wells Foundation and as a member of the board of the Grand Union Orchestra, both located in his Islington constituency. What's more, he actually sees shows (most recently Cheek By Jowl's production of *Measure for Measure*, and English National Opera's production of *Peter Grimes*) and films.

> "Everybody should have access to art, sport and culture"

Lest you suspect that he is a gadabout, consider that he served five years in Labour's Treasury team under the late John Smith, and gained promotion in 1992 to become Shadow Secretary of State for Environmental Protection. All of which means that he knows his way around parliamentary procedure and understands the workings of the Treasury.

He might wince at the idea that this makes him "Labour's David Mellor", but it certainly seems that, after Smith's baffling choice of Mo Mowlam, the party now has the right person as its Heritage Shadow. There seems no reason to disbelieve his assertion that, should the next election return a Labour Government, he "absolutely" wants to retain the Heritage brief. It could become, he insists, rather more than a trifling outpost of *Government*. "I think the fact that Tony Blair has decided to appoint a reasonably senior member of the shadow cabinet to this portfolio bodes very well."

Labour, of course, claims as its own the concept of an arts and media ministry. John Major did not so much steal the idea as expand upon it: his Department of National Heritage, created in 1992, embraced museums, sport and tourism as well. "I think they have the right elements in there," Smith says. "But I dislike intensely the title Heritage. For most people it implies things of the past, and the DNH ought to be about the future. If I could come up with a better title I would." Answers on a postcard, please ... but note that Labour's preference for a Ministry of Culture has been quietly laid to rest, deemed too forbiddingly Orwellian.

It is with the future in mind that Smith's "particular brief" from Blair is to develop the party's policy on the "information superhighway", currently being assembled from the dishes and chips of telecommunications and computer technology. Smith is looking with interest at the American vice-president Al Gore's initiatives in America, "making sure that new technology is going into every school, every library, every community centre in the US. Nobody in the Government is doing that here."

This leads him to the "big idea" for his department as a whole: "That everybody, no matter where they live or how poorly paid they are, should be able to have access on a reasonably ready basis to art, sport and culture of high quality."

Nobody would argue with that, but it poses the obvious question: how would he pay for it? Smith represents Labour's Trappist tendency when it comes to spending commitments. He rules nothing in, he rules nothing out. True, he has only been in the post for a couple of weeks, and he does hope to present a specific policy statement at the next Labour Party conference. Meanwhile he scrupulously tempers ambition with caution.

The funding of the BBC will almost certainly be discussed during the life of the next Government. Smith declares an "instinct that the licence fee is the best mechanism that can be devised". In other funding areas, he points out that direct Government grant is not always "the best way of stimulating ideas". He indicates a willingness to consider proposals regarding tax incentives to encourage both individual donation and corporate activity, while insisting that any such schemes should not inhibit diversity and creativity. He will watch Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, "like a hawk" for attempts to replace existing Government funding with revenue from the National Lottery. And he insists that the arm's-length principle — which ensures that Government does not directly fund any particular company or institution — remains central to his thinking: thus he envisages a continued role for the beleaguered Arts Council, despite recent Labour intimations to the contrary.

The irony is that hardly anybody in the arts *expects* to get much more money from a Labour administration. A few inquiries of arts organisations yield a consistent response: with only a couple of exceptions there are no bids for massively increased subsidy, no calls for radically expansive arts policies; simply battle-weary pleas for funding levels to be maintained.

This sense of post-operative trauma gives Smith — and, for that matter, Stephen Dorrell, the current Heritage Secretary — a unique opportunity to present a renewed vision of the nation's cultural possibilities. To that end, Smith expresses admiration for France's President Mitterrand and his erstwhile culture minister, Jack Lang, notably for their ability "to think in a much more culturally imaginative way". He gives as a British example the development of Stansted Airport: "A far higher quality of building than earlier airports. But why aren't we thinking of what goes on inside airports? If people are waiting for an hour or two with nothing to do, why not get some music in there and have a room set aside as a little museum with a rotating exhibition space?"

Even *petits projets* need paying for, and Smith argues that the Heritage Department deserves a larger slice of the cake. "It's not only worthwhile expenditure in that it brings pleasure to millions of people, but it also has an economic return," he says. "If you add up everything that the Department of National Heritage is responsible for, it actually amounts to a bigger share of the GDP than the whole of manufacturing industry."

This smacks of a soundbite being rehearsed in preparation for future battles with Treasury colleagues. The only snag, of course, is that the Labour Party must first win a general election. All we can say for the moment is that Dorrell now has two shadows to frighten him. The first is that of David Mellor, still routinely perceived as the Tories' Heritage Secretary ex officio. The other takes the shape of his counterpart across the House.



MICHAEL POWELL

Islington man in his element: Chris Smith takes time out from his duties as Shadow Heritage Secretary to reacquaint himself with Stanley Spencer's *Resurrection*

Life in the cabaret, mon vieux

Why did it take an Englishman to rekindle Paris's love of nightclubs? **Susan Bell** has a table at the front

On turntables across Paris, the French rock group Mano Negra laments "Paris la nuit c'est fini, Paris va crever d'ennui (Paris by night no longer exists, Paris will die of boredom)". British musician Bradney Scott, who arrived in the French capital nine years ago, agrees. "Cabaret is dead and theatre is dying. Culture has become a sideshow for television. People are bored. They'd rather stay at home and watch the box because it offers them variety and the chance to eat, drink and let it all hang out. Television is modern cabaret."

Scott, who originally hails from Tunbridge Wells, is one of a new generation of artists, many of them foreigners, who are trying to reintroduce variety to ailing Paris nightlife. For years he dreamt of initiating a renaissance of Parisian cabaret. This month he finally realised his dream, as Cabaret Sauvage, the show he created with Algerian producer and restaurateur Méziane Azaïche and a cosmopolitan group of artists, opened in the French capital to rapturous applause from audiences hungry for nostalgia and the kind of entertainment that has all but disappeared from a city once famous for its music halls.

Billed as an authentic cabaret from the 1930s, the show combines music, dance, circus, song, comedy and theatre in a strangely beautiful cabaret of surreal nostalgia.

Thankfully absent are the feather-clad dancing girls. Instead there are the 1930s-inspired songs of Cabaret Sauvage's own Little Sparrow, the singer and accordionist Belle du Berry; the hilarious trapeze artists Die Maïers (a couple of prewar nerds in period costume whose contrived clumsiness only serves to highlight their extraordinary grace); an exotic dancer, Julie Dossavi, and Quebecoise comedienne Dolorèze Léonard, who, as the French say, does not keep her tongue in her pocket.

The real star of the show, however, is the inspired music of the Bachibouzouk Band, featuring the haunting trumpet and flugelhorn of David Lewis.

The show's nostalgic charm is heightened by the spectacularly beautiful venue: an authentic art deco marquee dating from the 1930s. With its mirrored walls, traditional zinc bar, deco stained glass, wooden dance floor and red velvet canopy, Magic Mirrors is a cross between a Belle Epoque café and a fabulous circus tent.

Café-style seating makes for an informal and relaxed atmosphere, while the low stage encourages greater intimacy with the audience, something musical director David Lewis feels is essential. "Good cabaret invites greater participation from the audience than a concert," he says. "In cabaret, the public becomes part of the show." Margot Marguerite, the master of ceremonies, says: "Here you are chez vous. You can smoke, drink, eat, dance. Everything is permitted except boredom."

While much of the music for the show sounds authentic, 90 per cent of it is original. The musicians' old mismatched military costumes, which give them the air of a ragged group of deserters, offer a clue to the Cabaret's musical philosophy. They are also a visual gag for the six-member band who took their name — Bachibouzouk — from the Turkish word for mercenary. "What is interesting about this band is that we're dipping into a lot of influences, whether they be Slavic, circus music, Central European, Latin American, or African, bringing them together and putting our own personal stamp on them to create something new," Lewis says.

The costumes also suggest a serious and, occasionally, sinister undercurrent to the show which can make French audiences visibly uneasy. The Parisian troupe, deliberately chosen for their diverse origins (members come from Africa, Australia, America, Quebec, Brazil, Britain, France, Germany and the Caribbean) use the show to challenge stereotypes of nationalism and racial and cultural identity. "What we are doing is holding a mirror up to what Paris is today: a multicultural, multilingual town," Scott says. "In London you hear that on everyone's lips. In France it is not much talked about."

In one sketch, Scott, playing a British Army officer, directs an English lesson in which the audience is asked to repeat "We love the English language," and, even more provocatively, "We love the English people." The sketch draws uneasy laughter and a remarkable amount of hostility. "The French are very sensitive about the English," Scott says. "They are convinced that we look down on them and so they don't like us. I think we've got to get them to loosen up and laugh about these unspoken truths and maybe then they can begin to deal with them."

● *Cabaret Sauvage is at the Espace Chapiteau, Parc de la Villette (tel: 010331 40037575) until Dec 31*



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JAZZ: A veteran organist profiled; and an American pianist in concert

Hero of the Hammond

Jimmy Smith's conversation sounds much like his organ playing: full of manic, quick-fire phrases, incongruous asides and grandiloquent climaxes undercut with antic humour. Above all, the talk — like the music — is relentless. Listeners come away feeling battered, overwhelmed, yet still grateful for the experience.

As an innovator, Smith is often compared to Coleman Hawkins, the father of modern saxophone playing. As a non-stop self-publicist he is rather like Muhammad Ali in his prime. He makes a point of reminding you that John Coltrane played in his band long before Coltrane was famous.

"I was watching a documentary about ants the other night," Smith says. "They move like I play. I'm always moving, searching, and always in control, like them." Eyeballs popping, he points at his head or, as he prefers to call it, his "computer".

"I tell you, this thing is dangerous. When I'm playing, I'm the only one that can cut it off. Sometimes I can't. So when other players challenge me, I feel sorry for them. I feel sorry for me too, sometimes, 'cos my brain is going through it. When I'm finished I'm exhausted."

He will be 70 next year, but he looks at least 15 years younger. Though he ploughs through five cooked meals a day (during our encounter, in mid-afternoon, he is half-concealed behind a mountain of rigatone), Smith still cuts the same lithe figure portrayed on so many classic Blue Note LP covers of the Fifties and Sixties.

On his funky new live album, bearing the self-effacing title *The Master* (Blue Note CDP-8304512) and recorded in Japan last year with his old friend, guitarist Kenny Burrell, Smith proves that his Hammond has plenty of hot-gospel sermons still left to preach.

After a triumphant visit to Dingwall's earlier this year, he launches a national tour at the Hammersmith Palais tomorrow. In Britain, somewhat to his bemusement, he has become the darling of the so-called "acid jazz" crowd, and while the crude wall of sound whipped up by the would-be copycats clearly leaves him cold, he relishes the feverish response of his young British audiences.

As well as the new recording, his visit coincides with the release of a bulky (but for true believers essential) reissue from the Connecticut-based specialist label, Mosaic. Though the title may be none too catchy, *The Complete February 1957 Jimmy Smith Blue Note Sessions* is a fascinating, if sometimes long-winded collection which brings together the results of three days of jamming with guest performers from Donald Byrd to Hank Mobley and Lou Donaldson.

In those days Smith had just begun to establish the Hammond B-3 as a serious front-line instrument. Originally a pianist, he had switched to the organ full-time only two years earlier. He was, he assures us (and there is plenty of eyewitness testimony to back him up) a very good piano player, but it was a crowded field. More to the point, he was tired of playing clubs where the piano was out of tune.

Having already heard the pioneer Wild Bill Davis, Smith acquired his own Hammond and, unable to take it anywhere else, kept it in a warehouse where he began to teach himself how to coordinate the twin keyboards and the bass pedals. "The first time I took a look at the keyboard, I stepped back and said: 'You're mine'."

When he appeared at The Metropolis nightspot in New York last month, he was still attacking the organ as if it were a mortal enemy, jabbing the keyboards, his face contorted as he wrenched out a blues riff. The earlier generation of organists had tended to bring a pianistic approach to the instrument. Smith created his own sound from scratch, inspired less by other piano players than by saxophonists such as Eddie "Lockjaw" Davis and Illinois Jacquet, and the vibraphone master Milt Jackson.

Within months of making his debut with his own band in 1955 he was ready to take on New York, creating a sensation at the Cafe Bohemia and the uptown club, Small's Paradise. A contract with Blue Note soon followed. Smith rattled off recordings by the handful, among them the evergreen *The Sermon and House Party*, before moving on to a successful spell with Verve.

After briefly withdrawing to his home in California, he returned to the touring circuit just over a decade ago. Critics often complain that his playing has not changed in a quarter of a century, but that is really beside the point: Smith is the Old Testament of jazz organ.

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● *Further dates on Jimmy Smith's tour (information 071-486 4065) include Hammersmith Palais tomorrow; Queen's University, Belfast, Fri and Sat; Newcastle Playhouse, Sun; The Underground, Leeds, Mon; The Ritz, Manchester, Tues; Queen's Hall, Edinburgh, Wed 23; New Trinity Centre, Bristol, Fri 25.*



Jimmy Smith: "The first time I saw the Hammond keyboard, I stepped back and said: 'You're mine'"

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IN HIS customary welcoming mid-set monologue, Michigan-born pianist Gene Harris was keen to demonstrate the falsehood of two widely held views. The first concerned American jazz musicians' impressions of British standards in the music: "We tend to think that no one can play *our* music like we play it." The second was more personal: "I've been called the world's No 1 blues pianist."

Pointing at his UK trio of Jim Mullen (guitar), Dave Green (bass) and Allan Ganley (drums), he said: "These are musicians as great as any I've ever played with." The second "lie" Harris nailed by stating, simply: "I'm not a blues pianist: I play *music*."

Beginning with a gentle blues which slowly built, courtesy of Harris's trademark right-hand tremolo effects and his sudden swirling excursions down the keyboard, he'd nailed the second lie before he's even brought it up: even in a blues, he is a great deal more than a blues pianist. Combining the subtle attention to dynamic contrast of an Ahmad Jamal with a rumbustious accessibility more usually associated with gospel music requires a rare sensitivity, but throughout a set that embraced tender ballads like Thad Jones's "To You" and dependable staples such as "This Masquerade" he somehow managed both to delight the audience with his showmanship and awe them with his subtlety.

Faced with such easily worn virtuosity, many rhythm sections would have coasted, content to allow the spotlight to remain on the star. But Green and Ganley constantly stoked the fire under Harris with their tasteful contributions, and Mullen provided both perfect support with his gently stroked accompanying chords and absorbing, long-lined solos.

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The tone of menace starts early. The course, widely known in the British television world, is protected by copyright. No tape-recorders allowed. "If you've got one in your handbag, I'll find it."

Hand on hip, open-collar shirt over sweater, cuffs carefully turned back, McKee, a veteran screenwriter, looks the part in which he casts himself: the man from "Script City" — Hollywood. Yet with his silver hair, black brows, fierce eyes and square jaw, he looks a type very familiar from my Irish-American girlhood, especially in the pulpit. He dishes out a hard line. "You're Brits, right? Stiff upper lip? You can take it.

"Let's get down to business, for God's sake." The reference to deity is well-taken. McKee relates everything to himself. He passes out his Ten Commandments. He shouts out questions but accepts only his own answers.

Still, the course must work. It has been taken by 20,000 people in 25 cities around the world. John Cleese, McKee reminds us, has taken it twice. "He keeps threatening to take it a third time."

I think I spot a major ITV executive in our class. The rest are a motley assortment of writers, producers, story editors, journalists and others who have paid £275 plus VAT for the experience.

To the presenter, a veteran Hollywood screenwriter, it seems an act of altruism. "I teach it at considerable cost to my own writing time. I do it so that together we can lift the quality of screenwriting to what it once was." He mentions his art collection, and his horses. An evil vision of a horse's head under a satin Hollywood bedspread leaps into my mind.

The course begins as it is to go on: long stretches of self-display punctuated by invaluable advice. Story is structure. Structure is "event choice". Creativity is composing events into a strategic sequence, to arouse specific emotions and communicate a specific view of the world. An event can be quite subtle. But it must involve conflict, a decision and action. It all must lead to a climax, the moment when the gap flies open between what the character wants and what he gets. "Learn that and you too can have a Beverly Hills mansion and a Mercedes."

We learn about the up-ending and the down-ending, about reversing expectations: about the Hook, the Set-up and the Quest: about the inciting incident and the right time to activate the subplot.

From the third row a middle-aged woman with long red hair and irritating voice calls out for something to be repeated. McKee explodes. "If you interrupt me once more, I'm going to ask you to leave the room. You have interrupted me four times." The whole room freezes. "That's not accurate," she says bravely. "It was only twice." "Well, it felt like four," he snaps.

An inciting incident? The scene that reveals true character? We never know. He resumes his flow. Writing is rewriting. Creation is story design. Don't write the dialogue first: you will fall in love with it. *Deus ex machina* endings are never acceptable — except in comedy and except when the character has suffered too much and the audience says: "Oh hell, give it to him."

The hours, then days drag by. McKee seems to have seen every movie ever made. He tells us the alternative ending to *Fatal Attraction*. He explains why *Kiss of the Spider Woman* starts half-way through the story. (Because if you knew at the start that William Hurt was an informer planted to spy on his cell-mate, "you'd hate the creep!".)

We learn that he places a great value on silence — other people's. He cautions against writing stage directions into dialogue, like "Would you like a glass of water, darling?"

"You give Meryl Streep a line like that, and here's what she'll say." McKee puts hand on hip and coos into the wings. "Larry? Do I have to say this, sweetheart? I mean I'm *handing* him the f***ing glass. Can we just cut the line? Thank you, darling."

Streep vanishes, the scowling Jesuit reappears: "And the screenwriter goes around crying, "They're ruining my script!"

The famed climax of this famed course is a scene-by-scene analysis of *Casablanca* — McKee's choice as the best movie ever made. He identifies five subplots. He dissects the brilliant economy of the script. He delivers fascinating asides: Bogart had to wear six-inch platform shoes to dance with the near-six-foot Bergman; the song "As Times Goes By" was included only at the last minute.

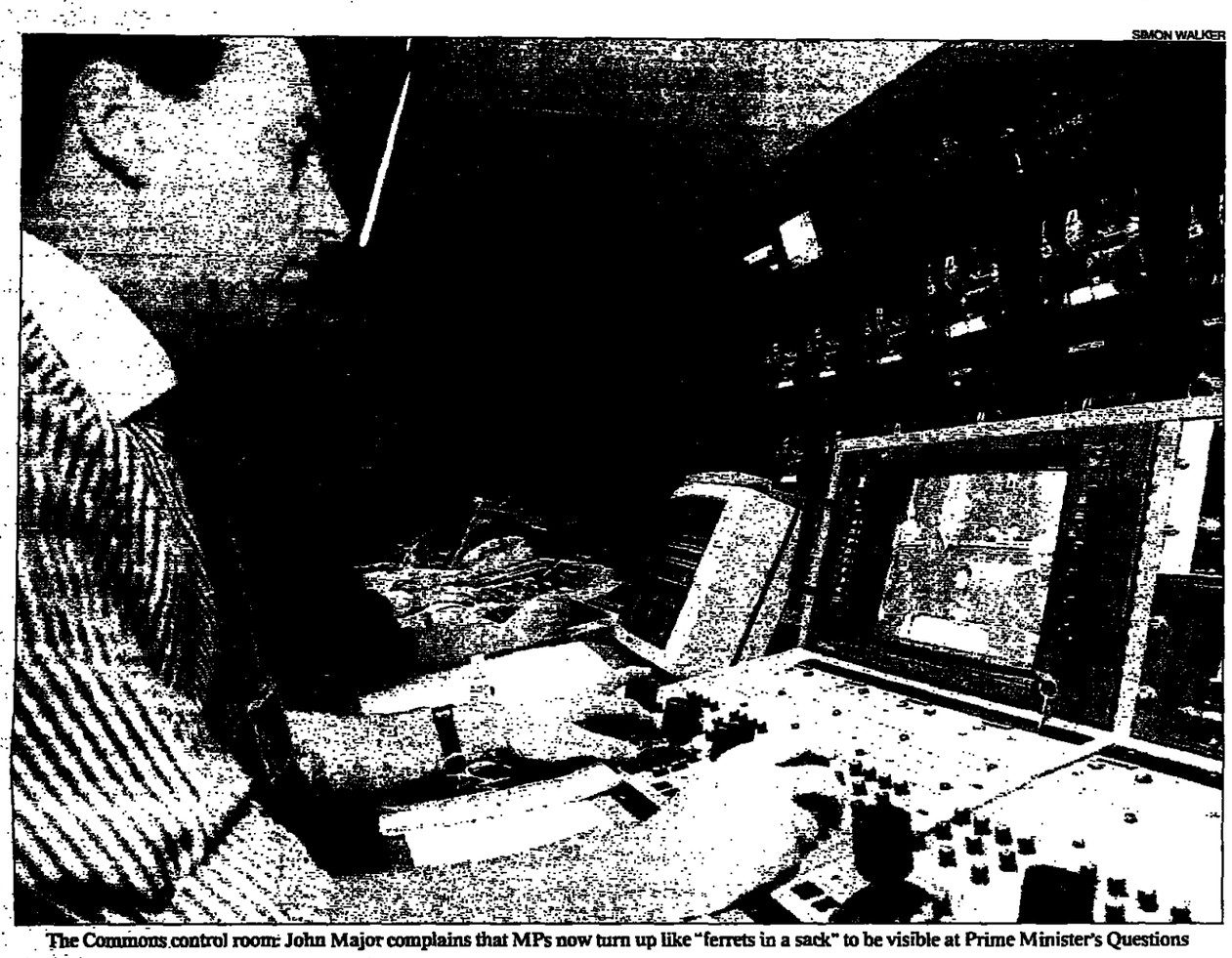
When you have finished a script, he advises, invite actor friends around to read it aloud. Then, listen to what they say. Just listen. "You - keep - your - mouth - shut! Say nothing!" He bellows this advice, slowly, three or four times. He asks for questions. Surprise, surprise. There are none. He chides the class for passivity. "We're terrified," pipes up a voice. He smiles. "It's the eyebrows, right?"

Comes the final sermon about the importance of the hero, from Bogart's Rick to Superman to Hamlet, and of delving into the human heart. Then . . . oh, no. He's not going to sing it? He does. As philosophy: "You must remember this. A kiss is still a kiss . . ."

I stagger out, brainstormed by that hard Hollywood voice intoning phrases that will ring in my head all my life. I have learnt a lot. I'll advise my son to take the course. But was all that aggression necessary for the imprinting? Maybe I'll find out, as time goes by.

Prime Minister's show time

Suzanne Franks on what five years of TV cameras have done to both Members and viewers of Parliament



SIMON WALKER

The Commons control room: John Major complains that MPs now turn up like "ferrets in a sack" to be visible at Prime Minister's Questions

On the Sunday before Parliament reassembled, Tony Blair slipped unnoticed into the Commons Chamber with Labour whip Peter Mandelson to have a private practice at Prime Minister's Questions.

Earlier the Tory MP Bob Dunn was seen with two image consultants, clutching a videoprint taken from the television pictures of the Commons. The advisers studied the print and told Dunn that his usual seat in the back row gave an unfortunate angle when he asked a question. He ought to move forward. The discussion went to which of the eight TV cameras he should favour, and to acceptable suits and ties — Dunn's preference for striped shirts was definitely out.

After five years of MPTV, the cameras in the Commons swivelling above the MPs' heads might appear as part of the fabric. But individual MPs are still anxious to put on their best show.

Basildon MP David Amess, a fierce opponent of televising Parliament, sneers at the "tarted-up Labour women. Socialists used to be scruffy, now they look smarter than Tories." A senior Labour politician observes younger colleagues "who crowd on to the two rows behind the front bench during Prime Minister's Questions to make sure that they are seen on TV at home, because of reselection fears."

Yet television is not just about keeping up appearances. Lobby journalists have remarked how some MPs have changed the way they speak to make it more accessible. Most viewers will turn off at the words "1996 EC inter-governmental conference", so the more astute politicians simplify their language to catch the attention.

Tory MP Teresa Gorman is characteristically more direct. "You have to frame words in a way that can be picked up. When I complained that rapists should be castrated, if I'd said it in that way it wouldn't have got a fraction of the attention that it did; by saying that I thought we should cut off their goolies, the whole House roared and every pub across the land was talking about it that night. But how would I as a backbencher have ever got that amount of attention?"

Other MPs complain about such playing to the camera, and there is still a hard core of opponents of televising Parliament on both sides.

Michael Portillo, in a controversial speech, argued that the cameras should be removed because they are responsible for the declining respect for Parliament as an institution. In the Upper House Lord Chudleigh even put down a motion linking increased violent crime with the televising of Parliament.

While the presence of television has sharpened current concerns about the farce of Prime Minister's Questions, it has also raised the stakes of the occasion. John Major complains of politicians who appear like "ferrets in a sack".

Paddy Ashdown also despairs of Prime Minister's Questions as a means of enlightenment, observing glumly that it has become cult viewing in Holland where the "spectacle has an air of unreality, somewhere between farce and fantasy . . . the sort of Parliament that Walt Disney might have created".

Most politicians bemoan the increasing public cynicism about Parliament; if television has a role in this, it has been in focusing attention on the way that Parliament conducts itself. But contrary to Portillo, many MPs acknowledge that by opening up Parliament television has acted as a brake (if only temporary) on the institution's long-term decline towards irrelevance. They point to such successes as the select committee coverage, and the fact that select committee members undoubtedly work harder and do their homework better at the prospect of TV glory.

> "It is a Parliament Walt Disney might have created"

The paradox is that just as Parliament allowed the viewers in, it was actually becoming less important as a forum of national debate. The challenge frequently comes from the electronic media itself, and the alternative debates within the studios of *Newsnight*, *Question Time* or *Today*. Often the queue of MPs waiting on Abingdon Green outside Parliament to present their views to a camera outnumbers those in the Chamber waiting to catch the Speaker's eye.

Despite the overwhelming acceptance by MPs that television was crucial if Parliament was to retain any meaning for most of the electorate, it is still television with conditions. The special rules covering permitted shots, although they have been relaxed in the last five years, still apply. Even the most liberal MPs will not give up this control. Tony Banks worries that if a minister spoke about Labour's loony left, the TV director might choose to focus on Tony Benn. "They have no right to do that and reaction shots should not be allowed." And the normally libertarian Gorman believes it would be unfair to focus on those who are not speaking. "If the media were given the power to pan around then it would . . . change our behaviour. MPs would be constantly conscious of the camera and we'd have to sit there with plastered smiles on our faces all the time."

Despite early complaints most broadcasters have learnt to live with the rules. Channel 4, however, still voices a principled objection and refuses live coverage for this reason. Senior current affairs editor David LLoyd says: "It demeans an institution that it hasn't got the confidence to allow itself to be shown to the public in just the same way as any other area of British life. Broadcasters only have an interest in making an accurate account of what goes on, as far as possible . . . they should be given freedom of access: why should Parliament be treated any differently from the Derby or Ascot?"

Given the current antics in Westminster there could be worse comparisons.

● *The author is general manager of CCT Productions, the independent company which televises Parliament. A fuller version of this article will appear in the winter edition of the journal* Parliamentary Affairs.

Losing ticket for ITV and the tabloids

Alexandra Frean looks at some of the problems set by the lottery

If you were to win the National Lottery jackpot this Saturday, would you call the *News of the World* and invite the paper round to photograph you in your living room? Piers Morgan, the paper's editor, hopes you will.

Fearful about the effects the lottery will have on its own games, the tabloid press is desperately eager to milk the competition for all it is worth, but it is faced with a number of obstacles.

Unlike the pools, where entrants have no automatic right to privacy but are offered the opportunity of ticking a "no publicity" box before they enter, the identity of lottery jackpot winners will be withheld automatically unless winners agree to publicity once they know they have won.

The Sunday papers face the most difficult task of all, given that Camelot, the lottery operator, is unlikely to have checked the credentials of winners until Monday at the earliest. Camelot is not even expected to divulge the name of the retailer that sold the winning ticket, although it may tell the Sunday press in what part of the country the ticket was bought.

Mr Morgan says: "The most important thing for us will be to discover on Saturday night whether there is a winner at all and how many winners there are for each prize. We will encourage winners to call us, but we will probably get a lot of hoaxes."

David Banks, of the Mirror Group, says that although the Sunday papers are likely to delay their main 7.30pm printrun for half an hour so that they can run the winning numbers, they will not be able to print the results in the "street" editions that go on sale at 9.30pm on Saturday.

Another potential difficulty for the papers is that the BBC, having paid between £250,000 and £500,000 for the exclusive rights to broadcast the lottery draw live, can be expected to be tipped off about the identity of winners at least two hours before the rest of the media.

The BBC hopes that its lottery programme will "lock in" viewers for the whole of Saturday evening. It certainly stands a good chance of attracting viewers who do not usually watch television at that time. But will the core ten million or so regular viewers of *Blind Date* on ITV switch over to the Beeb for the draw, given that ITV has promised either to broadcast the winning numbers in a newsflash from ITN soon after they are announced, or to scroll them along the bottom of the screen?



There are losers, too

Marcus Plantin, director of the ITV network, reluctantly concedes that if the BBC really wanted to scupper ITV on the night of the first draw, it could over-run the first lottery programme by ten minutes so that it fell after ITV's documentary on the Princess of Wales.

Alan Yentob, Controller of BBC1, takes a longer-term view. ITV's biggest challenge will be scheduling Saturday nights against the BBC's lottery draw for 52 weeks a year, he says. Mr Yentob's trump card will come in later weeks, when the corporation starts to tell the stories of prize winners. The experience of pools winners is that, although most do not want to publicise their windfall, many actually find the publicity beneficial.

The ordeal of having your face splashed across the media for a couple of days can be considerably less stressful than having to live in constant fear of having a pack of reporters turn up on your doorstep, having been tipped off by your neighbours.

What youngsters watch

ONLY three programmes in our *Top 20* table for television viewing by children aged four to 15 were screened after the 9pm family viewing watershed, *Alexandra Frean writes*.

The three post-watershed programmes are — *Soldier Soldier*, *London's Burning*, and the Arnold Schwarzenegger film *The Running Man*. Given that the chart covers a week when many children were on half-term holiday and might be expected to stay up later than usual, the family viewing policy appears to be working.

Only two children's programmes make it into the chart, *Blue Peter*, now in its 36th year, and *Byker Grove*.

Four to 15-year-olds represent 18 per cent of the total viewing population.

TIMES TV TOP 20: CHILDREN'S VIEWING

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	Programme	Day	Time	Channel	Producer	Genre	Audience (Mil) All 4+	4-15s
1	EastEnders	Thu	19.31	BBC1	BBC	Soap	19.3	2.5
2	Gladiators	Sat	18.13	ITV	LWT	Game Show	12.3	2.3
3	Back To School, Mr Bean	Wed	20.01	ITV	Tiger Aspect	Comedy	14.5	2.2
		Mon	17.36	BBC1	Grundy International	Soap	10.5	2.2
4	Neighbours	Sun	20.30	ITV	Granada	Entertainment	15.7	1.9
5	You've Been Framed	Mon	19.29	ITV	Granada Television	Soap	17.8	1.7
6	Coronation Street	Wed	18.01	ITV	Seven Ntwk Australia	Soap	8.8	1.6
7	Home And Away	Sat	20.02	BBC1	BBC	Drama series	13.4	1.6
8	Casualty	Thu	19.00	BBC1	BBC	Music	8.0	1.5
9	Top of the Pops	Tue	21.01	ITV	Central Television	Drama series	15.7	1.4
10	Soldier Soldier	Sun	19.29	ITV	Yorkshire Television	Drama series	16.3	1.4
11	Heartbeat	Sat	19.10	BBC1	BBC	Entertainment	11.2	1.4
12	Noel's House Party	Sat	19.15	ITV	LWT	Entertainment	12.9	1.4
13	Blind Date	Sat	17.20	ITV	Tower 12 Productions	Drama series	8.4	1.4
14	Baywatch					Entertainment	10.2	1.4
15	The Hypnotic World of Paul McKenna	Mon	18.59	ITV	Celador	Children's factual	4.7	1.3
		Mon	17.09	BBC1	BBC	Drama series	14.7	1.3
16	Blue Peter	Sun	21.02	ITV	LWT	Children's drama	4.7	1.3
17	London's Burning	Fri	17.09	BBC1	Zenith North	Game show	13.7	1.3
18	Byker Grove	Tue	20.29	ITV	Thames Television	Films	9.7	1.2
19	Strike It Lucky	Sat	21.05	ITV	Taft/Keith Barish			
20	The Running Man							

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PG Tips and Tetley have been joined by Typhoo in the fight to be Britain's favourite cuppa

When the tea market is not just for two

What is your favourite non-alcoholic tipple? How you answer this question has taken on a new significance as marketers from Britain's two biggest tea companies squabble over whose cuppa is now the nation's favourite. Upstart Tetley, inventor of both the tea bag and the round tea bag, is boasting that it is now beating PG Tips to the title — a claim PG owner Brooke Bond haughtily dismisses.

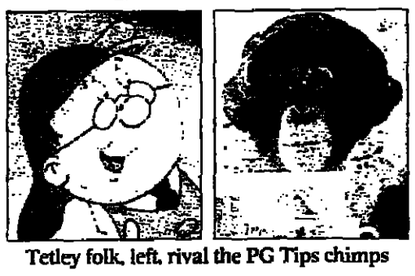
If Tetley is right — at the moment it all depends on which statistics you look at over what period — it would be something of a marketing earthquake. PG Tips has been king of the castle for 36 years. And, with tea still accounting for 40 per cent of all beverages drunk at home, who rules this £650 million market gets rich.

There is more. Tea acts as the great social anchor of British culture. "The emotional values of tea are almost greater than the functional benefits of the product," says John Nicholas, Tetley's marketing director. Who can win the hearts of the great British drinker is therefore one of the ultimate tests of marketing skill. Yet, as the two rivals slug it out, there are signs that both are getting stale.

So far, they have won their public's heart primarily through excellent advertising. PG Tips's chimps (on air since 1956), and Tetley's tea folk (who celebrate their 21st birthday this year) are among the nation's longest running and best loved campaigns. PG Tips's chimps proved so successful that in 1990 their advertising agency BMP DDB Needham won the Institute of Practitioners in Advertising's Grand Prix award for effectiveness.

"Consumers find it very difficult to distinguish between the major brands in blind taste tests," the admen admitted in their awards submission. But, they boasted, the brand's advertising-created "emotional appeal" allowed it consistently to outsell its rivals at a higher price. The advertising, they continued, was also the brand's biggest defence.

Hence the effrontery of Tetley's new claim to brand leadership. New-style advertising has given each of the Tetley tea folk individual characters, and placed them in fantasy settings such as *Sleeping Beauty*. Other recent marketing initiatives, such as the sponsorship of *The Darling Buds of May*, has reinforced its image as a "warm, friendly, approachable brand", adds David Mould, the marketing manager.



Tetley folk, left, rival the PG Tips chimps

But it may all be just a storm in a teacup. As words fly (one example: Allied Domecq, Tetley's owner, has put the brand up for sale and is "buying short-term sales so they can bid up the price", according to one of the PG Tips camp), the reality is that both brands are having a tough time.

According to Mintel, the market researchers, in the last five years tea advertising has risen by 63 per cent, yet UK tea consumption fell by 12 per cent as coffee and soft drinks continued to gain in popularity. Over the last two years average tea prices have fallen by over 6 per cent, say market trackers Nielsen. Even PG Tips is cutting its prices.

In the same period both companies have resorted to ever more ambitious promotions, making film tie-in offers (*Flintstones* for Tetley, *Aladdin* for PG Tips), giving away millions of chimp or *Flintstone* fridge magnets, figurines, and so on.

Now there is evidence that success doesn't necessarily go to those with the cleverest advertising, but to those who innovate best. Tetley is still riding high from the success of its round tea bags launch in 1989. And, remarkably, the fastest growing brand this year is Typhoo, which relaunched last year. Some of its teas are now vacuum packed at plantation, and the bags come in a patented foil bag. Typhoo's sales are up over 30 per cent.

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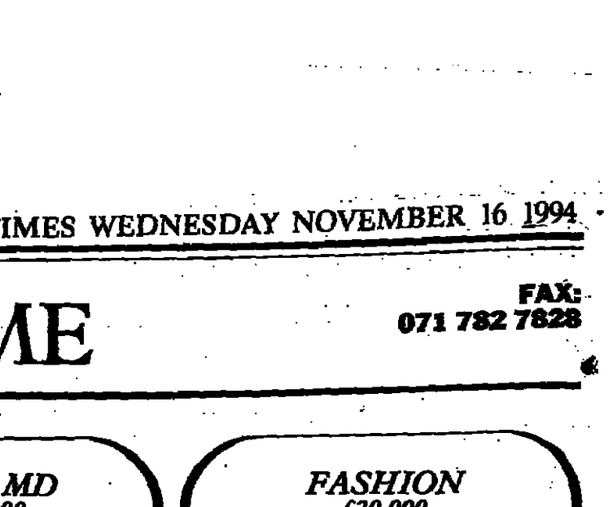
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Becker survives to give supporters plenty to cheer

FROM STUART JONES, TENNIS CORRESPONDENT, IN FRANKFURT

BORIS Becker withstood a fearsome barrage from the strongest server in tennis yesterday and emerged unscathed from his opening duel in the ATP Tour world championship. In an exchange of violent hitting lasting seven minutes short of two hours, he beat Goran Ivanisevic, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6.

Although the indoor court in the cavernous Festhalle had been described by the competitors as no more than "medium-fast", Ivanisevic was credited with 26 aces. His total for the year, which had already obliterated the previous record set by Pete Sampras, now stands at 1,157.

Yet his firepower was not enough. For the second time in three years here, he succumbed to Becker on a tie-break in the decisive third set.

"He was nervous, I was nervous," a disconsolate Ivanisevic muttered. "It was a pretty bad match."

Not for the spectators voicing support for their countryman. They created so much noise inside the arena that Becker found himself losing concentration in the closing stages. He retained it long enough to go to the top of the White group, which also includes Sampras and Stefan Edberg.

Twice the former champion and three times the runner-up, Becker started the year by becoming a father and engaging a new coach, Nick Bollettieri. He is threatening to end it by entrenching himself again officially as one of the game's prime figures.

Seeded and ranked No 5, he made a significant mark on the tournament in Stockholm a fortnight ago. On his way to gaining the title, he defeated the top three players in the world at the time — Michael Stich, Sampras and Ivanisevic. Nobody else this year has matched the feat.

He took the first set by converting the only break point to lead 5-3. Ivanisevic, sporting a headband in the red, white and blue colours of his Croatian homeland, levelled the match, but only after saving four break points to avoid being caught at 3-2.

"I barely won a point on his serve in the third set," Becker said. "I just had to stay with him and wait for the tie-break."

When it arrived, Ivanisevic might have seized a commanding advantage. He could, with more care, have been 5-0 ahead. Instead, he committed the initial error, a backhand volley into the net, and compounded it with a double fault that handed his opponent a match point.

Michael Chang, blessed at the age of 17, when he captured the French Open and became the youngest holder of a grand slam title, has been waiting for more than five years to make another impact on the game's leading tournaments. Four times, he has qualified for the lucrative showpiece at the end of the season.

In 1989 and 1992, he lost all three of his round-robin matches and the one victory he has claimed so far in his opening appearance against Jim Courier last year was so hollow as to be comical. Courier bothered to win a mere four games and, later in the event, overtly demonstrated his disenchantment by reading a book in between changeovers.

Although Chang's indoor record this year has been surpassed by only three other players, his sequence of failure here was extended. Sergi Bruguera, however, ended his. After an empty debut last year, the French Open champion profited from his comparatively diminutive opponent's unforced errors — 38 of them — to win, in 101 minutes, 7-6, 7-5.

The outcome of the other match in the red group surprised nobody. Other than on clay, Alberto Berasategui has won only two matches this year. He was overwhelmed 6-2, 6-0 in 45 minutes by Andre Agassi, who conceded eight points in the second set. It was the slaughter of the innocent.

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Halard excels to earn first-round success

JULIE Halard, of France, played the match of her life in New York on Monday night to beat the French and US Open champion, Arantxa Sánchez Vicario, in the first round of the Virginia Slims Championships. Halard, 24, defeated the No 2 seed, from Spain, 6-2, 1-6, 7-6 in 2hr 14min, taking the final-set tie-break 7-2.

"I had nothing to lose. I played the best tennis I ever have," Halard said afterwards. "At the beginning of the second set, I didn't have enough breath to run. My legs were shaking, but I got a second breath."

Sánchez Vicario had won her last four tournaments — and her last 21 matches — and was favourite for the tournament at Madison Square Garden, with Steffi Graf, the No 1 seed, suffering from a back injury. However, Halard excelled herself in a thrilling match.

Sánchez Vicario hid her disappointment at the end of her run of success: "She just played better than I did."

Photograph, page 24

DEREK IRONSIDE



Welsh, the Scottish Select stand-off half, is held up by Strauss and Putt, right, at Aberdeen yesterday

Johnson plays himself into frame

Scottish Select XV..... 10
South Africa XV..... 35

BY ALAN LORIMER

AFTER playing two matches in incessant rain, South Africa had a dry, although blustery, day for their game against Scottish Select in Aberdeen yesterday. And that was a crucial factor in their victory over a scratch opposition, which at times had difficulty defending against slick handling by backs and forwards alike on the running-friendly surface at Rubislaw.

Ironically, it was a series of penalty goals by Gavin Johnson, the South African full back, that put Scottish Select in arrears. The Transvaal player was successful with five in the first half and with the conversion of a try from close range by Krynauw Otto, and he took his tally to 25 points after the break by kicking a further penalty goal and scoring a fine try.

His overall performance, let alone his scoring achievement, must surely give the South African tour selectors thoughts of playing him against Scotland on Saturday.

The likelihood is that, if he is included, he will play on the right wing: he certainly showed yesterday that he has the pace and power to score tries.

The other South African points came from another close-range drive after a tapped penalty and ended with Ian Hattingh, the tight-head prop, forcing his way over. But, powerful though the South African forwards were, it was Scottish Select's pack that won many of the plaudits, notably by pushing the South Africa scrum backwards for a pushover try in the first half.

"The Scottish forwards were impressive: they could have put more points on the board," Kitch Christie, the South African coach, said.

Given the shortage of genuine No 8s in Scotland, it was encouraging for the national coaches that Eric Peters, of Bath, performed impressively. His drives off the back of the scrum were effective, and in the first half he won some good lineout ball.

The Scots made little progress behind the scrum, save for an early threatening run by Ron Eriksson, the London Scottish centre, and for the most part were consigned to defensive chores.

After the match, Greig Oliver, the Scottish Select captain, offered this advice to the Scotland team on Saturday: "You have to hit them with first time tackles."

SCORERS: Scottish Select: Try: Oliver. Conversion: Welsh. Penalty goal: Welsh. South Africans: Tries: Otto, Johnson, Hattingh. Conversion: Johnson. Penalty goals: Johnson (6)

SCOTTISH SELECT XV: M Dods (Gala); G Sharp (Bristol), F Harrold (London Scottish), R Eriksson (London Scottish), M Appleson (Sale); S Welsh (Hawick), G Oliver (Hawick, captain), J Manson (Dundee High School FP), M Scott (Dunfermline), D Herrington (Dundee High School FP), D Turnbull (Hawick), R Brown (Melrose), R Scott (London Scottish), R Kirkpatrick (Jed-Forest), E Peters (Bath); Turnbull replaced by B Renwick (Hawick, 43min)

SOUTH AFRICA XV: G Johnson (Transvaal), C van der Westhuizen (Natal), H Muller (Orange Free State), T Linee (Western Province), J Olivier (Northern Transvaal); J Stransky (Western Province), K Putt (Natal), I Hattingh (Transvaal), J Dalton (Transvaal), B Swan (Transvaal), G Telchman (Natal), K Wiese (Transvaal), K Otto (Northern Transvaal), E van der Bergh (Eastern Province), T Strauss (Western Province, captain)

Referee: G Simmonds (Wales)

IN BRIEF

Foreman vows to box again

GEORGE Foreman, who at 45 became the oldest world heavyweight boxing champion in history when he beat Michael Moorer for the International Boxing Federation and World Boxing Association titles this month, has promised he will fight again.

"I've got a future," he said. He would not name his next opponent, though he said he favoured giving Moorer a rematch and that he "would wait for the opportunity to fight [Mike] Tyson".

Buffalo halted

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Rod Woodson proved the inspiration behind Pittsburgh Steelers' 23-10 victory over Buffalo on Monday, scoring on an interception return and forcing a fumble that was recovered for a touchdown.

☐ Houston Oilers, the team with the worst record in the National Football League, dismissed Jack Pardee, the head coach, after their sixth successive defeat.

Pole position

Nigel Mansell was Britain's best-paid sportsman over the past 12 months, according to the *Radio Five Live Sports Yearbook* out yesterday. It claims Mansell earned £9 million. Lennox Lewis (£5.2m) dropped to second place, with Chris Eubank (£3.4m) in third. Sally Gunnell (£450,000) was the highest-earning woman.

Altered course

YACHTING: Wellington, New Zealand, and Sydney, Australia, are two new ports of call in the 1996 BT Global Challenge round-the-world race, featuring 15 identical yachts, manned by fare-paying crews.

Ralph ruled out

HOCKEY: David Ralph, of East Grinstead, was effectively suspended from national league and cup matches for the remainder of the season for playing in a Scottish league match last month, breaking European rules.

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Court declines to decide on Community law

Society of Lloyd's v Clementson
Same v Mason

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Steyn and Lord Justice Hoffmann

[Judgment November 10]

In actions brought by the Society of Lloyd's against two names for reimbursement of funds paid out of the central fund in discharge of the names' liabilities, the national court would not, on the material before it, answer preliminary issues of Community law relating to whether provisions relied on by Lloyd's were capable of infringing article 85 of the EC Treaty (Cmnd 5179-II).

The Court of Appeal so held allowing appeals by John Stewart Clementson and Gian Carlo Alessandro Mason, from Mr Justice Saville (*The Times* January 11) who had ruled in favour of the Society of Lloyd's, *inter alia*, that

(i) in bringing the proceedings under the Central Fund Bylaw (No 4 of 1986) Lloyd's was acting in a regulatory capacity or performing a regulatory function;

(ii) in exercising its powers to seek reimbursement for sums paid out of the central fund Lloyd's was not engaged in activities which were subject to articles 3(g), 5, 85 and 90 of the EC Treaty; and

(iii) in the context of the proceedings, section 14 of the Lloyd's Act 1982, the Membership Bylaw (No 9 of 1984) and the Agency Agreement (No 1 of 1985) were not capable of infringing those articles.

The Court of Appeal dismissed the defendants' appeals against the judge's ruling that terms should not be implied into the standard form of general undertaking between Lloyd's and the names on their becoming members of Lloyd's to the effect that Lloyd's should (i) regulate and direct the business of insurance at Lloyd's in good faith; (ii) exercise its powers of regulation and direction for the purposes for which they were given under the contract, namely the objects set out in section 4 of the Lloyd's Act 1911 and/or (iii) regulate and direct the business of insurance at Lloyd's with reasonable care.

Mr John Beveridge, QC and Mr Craig Orr for Mr Mason; Mr Jeremy Lever, QC, Mr Nicholas Green and Mr Richard Slowe, solicitor, for Mr Clementson; Mr Michael Beloff, QC, Mr Peter Duffy and Mr Paul Stanley for Lloyd's.

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the issues of Community law were to be answered in the context of such facts as were uncontentious or obvious beyond the possibility of reasonable contradiction. If the answers depended on other facts, the issues could not be answered at the present stage.

Nor, even if the relevant facts were clear enough, would it ordinarily be appropriate to rule on a disputed question of Community law without seeking a ruling from the European Court of Justice under article 177 of the EC Treaty unless the court were able properly to conclude that the answers to the legal questions were also clear.

The parties had agreed that a name at Lloyd's was an undertaking within the meaning of article 85. Mr Clementson argued that Lloyd's was an association of undertakings within the meaning of the article. Lloyd's had not accepted that it was. To his Lordship it seemed at least arguable that it was. It might be an undertaking itself also, but was capable of being regarded as an association of undertakings.

Mr Clementson identified four acts of Lloyd's which, if that were so, were to be regarded as decisions made by that association of undertakings: namely the decisions to adopt the Central Fund Bylaw, to make payment out of the fund of his alleged debt under paragraph 7, to sue him under paragraph 10 and to adopt the reinsurance term.

His Lordship would not feel able as a matter of law to say that those were not capable of being decisions within the meaning of article 85. Even so that did not avail Mr Clementson unless such decisions might affect trade between member states. It could scarcely be said that decisions to make payment under paragraph 7 or to sue under paragraph 10 might affect trade between member states. But as a matter of law and in the absence of economic or other evidence, his Lordship was not able to reach the same conclusion about the decisions to adopt the Central Fund Bylaw and the reinsurance provision.

Given the substantial share of the European insurance market traditionally enjoyed by Lloyd's it seemed at least possible that those decisions, if they were such, had and had had economic effects of more than purely domestic significance.

Even if those were decisions of an association of undertakings with a potential effect on trade between member states, the operation of article 85 was only attracted if additionally the decisions had as their object or effect the prevention, restriction or distortion of competition within the Common Market.

Lloyd's invited the court to rule that the Central Fund Bylaw could not have that object or effect; Mr Clementson argued that it did, or might have that effect.

The existence of the central fund as a source from which, in the last resort, policy holders would be paid enabled Lloyd's underwriters, so Mr Clementson argued, to neglect the ordinary disciplines of prudent underwriting and so capture business which would otherwise have gone to others; it also encouraged Lloyd's to vet less carefully than would otherwise have been appropriate the means of those in whose names large obligations were undertaken.

His Lordship did not feel able, as a matter of law, to reject Mr Clementson's contentions.

Article 85 concerned only the conduct of companies and was not directed at legislative or regulatory measures emanating from member states: see Case C-2/91 *Meng* ([1993] ECR I-5751); and Case C-245/91 *Ohra Schadeverzekeringen NV* ([1993] ECR I-5851).

If, therefore, it appeared that the adoption or terms of the Central Fund Bylaw were required of Lloyd's by the express or implied terms of national legislation, the court would be able to rule that the relevant decision, if it were such, fell outside the scope of article 85.

But Lloyd's was unable to point to any national legislation which required that the central fund should be established in the way or on the terms that it was. It was Lloyd's which adopted the bylaw and operated the fund. If the secretary of state had any relevant reserve powers it was not suggested that he had exercised them.

His Lordship referred to the suggestion of Lloyd's that the adoption of the bylaw and its operation were steps, or decisions, required by Community law under Council Directive 91/674 (OJ L374 December 31, 1991, p7) concerning annual and consolidated accounts of insurance undertakings.

But even if it were true that the role of the central fund in the chain of security was thereby recognised and endorsed by Community legislation, his Lordship did not feel able to hold as a matter of law at the present stage and on the evidence before the court that the Community thereby sanctioned any competition distorting effects which the terms of the bylaw or its mode of operation might be found to have had.

Community authority appeared to make clear that in certain circumstances decisions taken by those engaged in a trade might fall outside the ambit of article 85: see in particular Case C-153/93 *Federal Republic of Germany v Delta Schiffahrts-und Speditionsgesellschaft mbH* (unreported, June 9, 1994) But the conditions expressed in that case for its doing so could not be met here.

His Lordship was not able to reject Mr Clementson's argument in so far as it was based on the Central Fund Bylaw as plainly wrong in law. Nor was he persuaded that it was right in law. It seemed at least possible that the correct answer in law might turn on facts which had not yet been fully explored or decided.

Turning to the reinsurance provision, Mr Clementson had argued that the instructions given by Lloyd's for the annual solvency test of underwriting members of Lloyd's discriminated in its treatment of those who reinsured within and those who reinsured outside the Lloyd's market, to the advantage of the former.

If it was not the object of the provision to encourage the placing of reinsurance in the Lloyd's market, a possibility Mr Clementson wished to explore, that, he said, was its effect. In any event the provision had the disastrous effect of concentrating risk in the Lloyd's market instead of dispersing it as widely as possible.

But what mattered most in the present context was whether the provision had as an object or effect the distortion of competition within the Common Market. In Mr Clementson's submission it did, or arguably did.

Lloyd's had been able to advance a number of justifications for the provision: since there was no risk of non-payment under a Lloyd's policy of reinsurance there was no need to make any allowance for that risk; that as the regulator of its own market Lloyd's was in a position to know that; that it was not in the same position *vis-a-vis* corporate reinsurers at home or abroad and could not assume the responsibility of assessing the chance that any such reinsurer might default under a policy to which it was party.

In the absence of evidence not all those points were self-evident. Even if they were treated as being so, it did not meet Mr Clementson's point.

If the provision was capable, as it stood, of objective justification then it might be that Lloyd's would have strong grounds for claiming exemption under article 85(3).

Such exemption would relieve Lloyd's from the consequence specified in article 85(2) from the date of notification but until then the prohibition in article 85(1) remained in effect if the decision in question had the object or effect of preventing, restricting or distorting competition.

Even if the court were able to conclude that the provision did not have that effect, a bold course in the absence of evidence, his Lordship did not see how it could possibly conclude as a matter of law that the provision might not have the proscribed effect.

He was not able to give an answer favourable to Lloyd's on that issue. Nor, as a matter of law and in the absence of evidence, would he give an answer favourable to Mr Clementson. It was not possible to resolve the matter as a question of law at the present stage.

If Mr Clementson was able to establish that Lloyd's had acted in breach of article 85 it was at least arguable that he had a good counterclaim for damages on which he might rely and that section 14 of the Lloyd's Act 1982 could not be effective to deprive him of that right. If it were otherwise, his Lordship did not see how national courts could help to enforce the Community's competition regime, as they were expected to do.

Turning to the Membership Bylaw and the Agency Agreement, his Lordship could not hold as a matter of law and in the absence of evidence that neither was capable of distorting competition in the Common Market.

His Lordship emphasised that he was not concluding that Lloyd's was wrong on any of the points. It might, or might not be. He only concluded that it was not, in his judgment, shown to be right. The same was true of Mr Clementson. The issues could not be answered favourably to one side or the other at the present stage.

He would decline to answer the preliminary issue relating to Community law at the present stage and would therefore allow Mr Clementson's appeal on that issue. Since Mr Mason had adopted his argument, the same result would follow in his case.

Lord Justice Steyn and Lord Justice Hoffmann delivered judgments concurring in the result.

Solicitors: Michael Freeman & Co.; *S.J. Berwin & Co; Mr John* Mallinson.

Contract requires work to proceed regularly and diligently

West Faulkner Associates v Newham London Borough Council

Before Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Simon Brown

[Judgment November 10]

There was a measure of overlap between the words "regularly" and "diligently" in clause 25(1)(b) of the JCT standard form of contract. What particularly was supplied by the word "regularly" was not least a requirement to attend for work on a regular daily basis with sufficient in the way of men, materials and plant to have the physical capacity to progress the works substantially in accordance with the contractual obligations. What in particular the word "diligently" contributed to the concept was the need to apply that physical capacity industriously and efficiently towards the same end.

Taken together, the obligation upon the contractor was essentially to proceed continuously, industriously and efficiently with appropriate physical resources so as to progress the works steadily towards completion substantially in accordance with the contractual requirements as to time, sequence and quality of work.

The Court of Appeal so stated in dismissing an appeal by West Faulkner Associates against a judgment of Judge Newey, QC, on October 1, 1992, holding them liable in damages to the London Borough of Newham for breach of a contract under which they were engaged as the architect in respect of works of modernisation entered into between the council and a firm of contractors.

Mr Richard Fernyhough, QC and Mr Adrian Williamson for the plaintiffs; Mr Bruce Mauleverer, QC and Miss Kim Franklin for Newham.

LORD JUSTICE SIMON BROWN said that put at its shortest the judge had held that Faulkner were in breach of their duty in failing to give the contractors notice under clause 25(1)(b) of the standard JCT conditions, a notice which the architect "may give ... if [the contractor] fails to proceed regularly and diligently with the works".

At the heart of the appeal lay questions as to the true construction of clause 25(1)(b), questions upon which there was little authority.

The contract was to renovate 150 dwellings on a housing estate. From the very beginning it became clear that the envisaged programme would not be achieved and the position never really improved.

The delays and uncertainties had serious effects upon the tenants whose lives were dreadfully disrupted.

In the end, and following Faulkner's continuing refusal to give the contractors a clause 25 notice, the council felt that they had no alternative but to procure the contractors' withdrawal by negotiated settlement.

As became plain at trial the reason why Faulkner, and the quantity surveyors from whom alone Faulkner sought advice on the point, continually felt it impossible to give the clause 25 notice was because of their construction of the clause.

It was their understanding that no notice could be given to the contractors under clause 25(1)(b) unless the contractor was failing to proceed with the works in both the stipulated respects, that is, unless he was working neither regularly or diligently. A failure in one respect was thought to be insufficient.

The contractors were, by common consent, proceeding regularly. True, they were not proceeding diligently, but that, so Faulkner thought, was not in itself a ground for giving notice.

That was a quite impossible contention which could be dealt with very shortly. Frankly it gained no support from any quarter whatever: not from the language of clause 25 itself, not from the authorities or text books, nor from commercial logic.

So far as language was concerned, although counsel for Faulkner sought to construct an elaborate argument for applying what he called a conjunctive rather than disjunctive approach, the literal meaning of the words used seemed unambiguously to take one to the contrary conclusion; the two adverbs qualified the verb "to proceed", plainly they did not govern the word "fails".

The requirement was to proceed "regularly and diligently", not "regularly or diligently".

His Lordship concluded by saying that the one thing that was clear beyond question was that, upon any proper construction and application of the clause, the architect was not merely entitled to give a clause 25 notice but could not have reasonably have done otherwise than to give it.

Lord Justice Hirst and Lord Justice Balcombe agreed.

Solicitors: Alastair Thomson & Partners; Fenwick Elliott.

When bank receives subpoena

Robertson v Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce

When a subpoena *duces recum* had been served on a bank ordering it to produce a customer's bank statement, the bank in so doing had not acted in breach of the duty of confidentiality which it owed to the customer.

The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council (Lord Templeman, Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Slynn of Hadley and Lord Nolan) so held on October 6 in dismissing an appeal by the appellant, Dr Maurice Robertson, from the judgment of the Eastern Caribbean Court of Appeal (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines), who had dismissed his appeal from the judgment of Mr Justice Satrohan Singh in the High Court of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, whereby the appellant's action against the respondent, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, had been dismissed.

LORD NOLAN said that a contractual duty of secrecy was implied in the relationship between banker and customer, subject to the qualifications set out in the judgment of Lord Justice Bankes in *Tournier v National Provincial and Union Bank of England* ([1924] 1 KB 461, 473), one of which was disclosure under compulsion by law.

In the ordinary way a customer of good standing could reasonably expect, if only as a matter of courtesy and good business practice, to be told by his bank that a subpoena had been received.

Although the bank had been compelled by law to produce the appellant's bank statement to the court, it was under no compulsion to withhold knowledge of the subpoena from him.

However, the bank did not have an absolute duty to inform the customer of the subpoena, and the bank's obligation was no more than to use its best endeavours to do so.

In the present case breach of that obligation had not been proved.

Doctor can be lawfully required to give undertaking

Ex parte Phillips

Before Lord Justice Nourse, Lord Justice Beldam and Sir Tasker Watkins

[Judgment October 31]

A medical practitioner could lawfully be required under the General Medical Council Health Committee (Procedure) Rules (SI 1987 No 2174) to give an undertaking to abstain absolutely from consuming alcohol as a pre-condition of his continuing to practise, even though the balance of opinion from medical examiners was not such as to show that he would be unfit to practise unless he so abstained.

The Court of Appeal so held refusing a renewed application from the refusal by Mr Justice Judge of leave to move for judicial review by Dr James Andrew Phillips who sought to challenge his suspension on June 24, 1993, from the register as a medical practitioner by the health committee of the General Medical Council for non-compliance with the undertaking.

Mr Edward Fitzgerald for Dr Phillips.

LORD JUSTICE NOURSE said that Dr Phillips' case was that the president of the GMC was not entitled to seek an undertaking to abstain from alcohol in purported reliance on rule 8(3)(b) of the 1987 Rules unless the balance of opinion in the medical examiners' reports supported the proposition that Dr Phillips was "not fit to practise" or "only fit to practise" if he complied with a condition of total abstinence from alcohol.

It was clear that the medical reports on Dr Phillips were not unanimous; two of them reported that he was fit to practise and none of them stated that he was unfit to practise.

But Mr Fitzgerald's construction of rule 8(3)(b) was not an arguable one: he sought to import into it the same limitations as were applied by rule 8(3)(a).

Rule 8(3)(b) gave the president a discretion to impose such arrangement for the management of Dr Phillips' case as he considered appropriate.

The arrangements here were not such as could reasonably be said in the light of the medical reports on Dr Phillips to be inappropriate.

Lord Justice Beldam and Sir Tasker Watkins agreed.

Solicitors: Maurice Putsman & Co. Birmingham.

Charlton's optimism heightened by Quinn

By Peter Ball

TWELVE *months* ago, at the height of the sectarian unrest, *the* Republic of Ireland just escaped from a venomous evening at Windsor Park with the point which took them to the World Cup finals. Today, they are back in Belfast to meet Northern Ireland in a European championship qualifying match that is important to both teams' hopes of reaching the finals in 1996.

The atmosphere in Belfast, now that peace has broken out, could *hardly be* more different. The game is likely to reflect that. Northern Ireland have a new manager in Bryan Hamilton and, *for this game* at least, a new captain in Steve Morrow, of Arsenal.

GROUP SIX

RESULTS. Northern Ireland 4 Liechtenstein 1 Liechtenstein 0 Austria 4 Latvia 0 Ireland 3 Northern Ireland 1 Portugal 2 Latvia 1 Portugal 3. Austria 1 Northern Ireland 2. Ireland 4 Liechtenstein 0; Portugal 1 Austria 0 Liechtenstein 0 Latvia 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Portugal	3	3	0	0	6	2	9
Ireland	2	2	0	0	7	0	6
N Ireland	3	2	0	1	7	4	6
Austria	3	1	0	2	5	3	3
Latvia	3	1	0	2	2	6	2
Liechtenstein	4	0	0	4	1	13	0

FIXTURES: Today: Northern Ireland v Ireland. Dec 18: Portugal v Liechtenstein. 1995: Mar 29: Ireland v Northern Ireland. Austria v Latvia. Apr 26: Ireland v Portugal. Latvia v Northern Ireland. Austria v Liechtenstein. Jun 3. Portugal v Latvia; Liechtenstein v Ireland. Jun 7: Northern Ireland v Latvia. Jun 11. Ireland v Austria. Aug 15: Liechtenstein v Portugal. Aug 16: Latvia v Austria. Sep 3: Portugal v Northern Ireland. Sep 6. Austria v Ireland. Latvia v Liechtenstein. Oct 11: Ireland v Latvia. Austria v Portugal. Liechtenstein v Northern Ireland. Nov 15: Portugal v Ireland. Northern Ireland v Austria.

After losing their previous home game to the group six *leaders, Portugal, Northern* Ireland need to win on their *own account rather than just* thwart their neighbours. Last *year Billy Bingham, then the* Northern Ireland manager, *stoked the fires of antagonism.* This time, Hamilton has been *at pains to damp them down,* but if the chants of "No *surrender" which punctuated* the last bitter encounter are *likely to be more muted this* time, the atmosphere will still *be as tense as any derby* match.

Jack Charlton, *the* Republic manager, has professed to being worried *that he is too* relaxed about his side's prospects. He appears to have reason *to be optimistic*. The return of Niall Quinn, missing 12 months ago, gives his side a greater threat, particularly in the absence of Alan McDonald, the suspended Northern Ireland captain.

"Quinn is a problem for anybody, and I'm sure he will attract the north's attention," Charlton said after training yesterday. "They will especially miss McDonald. He's a player I've always admired."

With Keane and Townsend *flanked by Houghton and* Staunton, the other area of the *Republic's strength is mid*field. Two years ago in Dub*lin, they overran Bingham's* team in that area in the first *half on their way to a 3-0* victory. The absence of Lomas leaves the home side looking lightweight, especially if Charlton decides to revert to five in midfield.

To counter that, Northern Ireland have a case for playing Morrow in midfield, but the new captain seems more likely to play in his favoured position as the defensive organiser alongside Taggart. "Quinn depends a lot on the service he gets, so if we can stop that service, we can cut down the danger," Morrow said.

The presence of two wingers to occupy Gary Kelly and Irwin, who supply a lot of the Republic's most threatening moves, will help in that respect. The emergence of Gillespie, *who may prove their* most exciting new talent for 25 *years, means that Northern* Ireland should also test the *visitors' defence in the hope of* building on their victory over *Austria last month.*

Their spirit frequently *brings them success against* more powerful opposition and *history at least is on their side.* The Republic have never won *in Belfast.*

NORTHERN IRELAND (probable): T Wright (Nottingham Forest), G Fleming (Barnsley), G Taggart (Barnsley), S Morrow (Arsenal), N Worthington (Leeds United), K Gillespie (Manchester United), J Magilton (Southampton), M O'Neill (Hibernian), M Hughes (Strasbourg), I Dowie (Southampton), P Gray (Sunderland).

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND (from): P Bonner (Celtic), G Kelly (Leeds United), P McGrath (Aston Villa), P Babb (Liverpool), D Irwin (Manchester United), R Houghton (Aston Villa), J Sheridan (Sheffield Wednesday), R Keane (Manchester United), A Townsend (Aston Villa), S Staunton (Aston Villa), T Coyne (Motherwell), J Aldridge (Tranmere Rovers), N Quinn (Manchester City).

JULIAN HERBERT



Venables, the England coach, yesterday called up Howey, left, of Newcastle, for a first cap alongside Ruddock in the England defence to play Nigeria at Wembley tonight. Injuries to Pallister and Adams forced the experiment

Time to try out sweeping changes

By David Miller

IF HALF the teams in the World Cup final tournament, half of those in the second round, and half in the quarter-finals used a particular tactical system, you might suppose it would be worthy of consideration by England, who failed even to arrive.

Not so, surprisingly. Terry Venables, whose tactical wisdom is widely regarded as second to none in England — he was, remember, his peers' choice before he became the FA's — has no intention at present of experimenting with *the use of a sweeper.*

So England go into to*night's game against the* quicksilver Nigerians replac*ing two conventional central* defenders, Adams and Pall*ister, who are unavailable,* with another two, not as good *and just as vulnerable to* clever footwork.

"*I thought about it,*" Venables said. So did they all *before him. Don Revie even* tried it, with Ray Wilkins, but *never developed the tactic.* Ron Greenwood and Bobby *Robson rejected the idea, on* the basis that few, if any, *English clubs employed it.*

Robson finally came to *accept its value during the* 1990 World Cup, under pressure from his players, though not with the player made for the job. Bryan Robson had long been the ideal candidate for the teams of both Greenwood and his successor.

Venables offers the usual explanation: "It would be fine if I could play it every week, but I don't have that many games, and we've got to get consistency." Well, someone has to start some time, and why not the national manager, especially when he has two seasons without a competitive *match in which he does not,* as the saying irritatingly goes, *have to get a result?*

I have seen a lot of England *teams in which the central* rearguard has been embar*rassed by the best foreign* opposition, particularly when *playing the ball along the* ground. The fact that Eng*land had not conceded a goal* in four matches during *Venables's reign until draw*ing, luckily, with Romania is neither here nor there. Greece, Norway and the United States are no benchmarks.

There are three reasons why the sweeper system is worth considering. Most obvious is the fact that it provides a free defender in a position to read the development of danger — a kind of radar.

Second, with a sweeper and two markers — a back line of three instead of four — there is the scope to field an addition*al midfield player in the area* where most games are won.

By having an additional, fifth, midfield player there is *also the opportunity to carry a* non-defensive, wholly creative player such as Hoddle or Gascoigne, the way Enzo Bearzot was able to "carry" Antognoni in 1978 and 1982. With a sweeper, and five in midfield, there would have been no problem for Greenwood or Robson to include Hoddle.

Third, and perhaps most important, the right player utilised as sweeper can substantially strengthen a side's striking power. Being so deep and unmarked, the sweeper is able to attack at random.

Beckenbauer was the first outstanding example in 1970. Miljan Miljanic had Bogicevic with Red Star; then, with Real Madrid, took a midfield player, Pirri, and made him sweeper, and he became top scorer for two seasons. For ten years, Koeman has been one of the most feared attackers-from-the-back, with Barcelona and Holland, while Hierro was a constant threat for Spain in the United States last summer. A sweeper was also used there by Belgium, Bolivia, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Colombia, Holland, Italy, Nigeria, Russia, South Korea and the United States.

Ince is the obvious choice for England: quick, hard and a reasonable distributor of the ball. And, if not Ince, why not Sutton, never mind his £5 million label as a forward? He began as a central defender with Norwich and has played there in emergency for Blackburn. If Venables does not fancy him as a forward, which he may not, try him at the back. That could be exciting.

Fraud squad detectives from Merseyside and Hampshire yesterday studied videos and tapes, provided by *The Sun*, as part of their investigations into alleged match-fixing by Bruce Grobbelaar. The Southampton and former Liverpool goalkeeper is due to return to Britain tomorrow to prepare for the Premiership match against Arsenal on Saturday.

Scotland sense fortunes may be improving

By Kevin McCarra

IN THIS evening's European championship tie at Hampden Park, Scotland have the chance to vanquish not only Russia but also the scepticism of their own public. The populace, having taken World Cup qualification for granted since 1974, took umbrage when the national team failed to reach the United States in the summer.

Craig Brown's side, however, may just be inching their way back into popular esteem. A laudable 2-0 victory over Finland in Helsinki was fol*lowed by a competent* 5-1 trouncing of the Faeroe *Islands at Hampden.* Now, the defeat of Russia may truly wrestle some respect from supporters.

That mission does appear possible. The Scotland camp is not reverberating with boisterous optimism, but there is calm. For Brown, the national coach, the bad news has at least stopped getting worse. Colin Hendry and Paul McStay withdrew at the weekend, but they will not be joined by Alan McLaren, who appears to have shaken off the virus which had seen him confined to bed.

The presence of the Rangers defender is significant. At 23, he is already established as the Scotland side's antidote to talent. In Helsinki, for example, he nullified Jari Litmanen, one of the most effective strikers in Europe at club level with Ajax. There will be plenty more smothering work for McLaren this evening.

Brown is peeved by the myopia that makes people see only Andrei Kanchelskis, from nearby Old Trafford, as a danger in the Russia team. Some alarm should also be spared for the forward, Sergei Kiriakov, of Karlsruhe SC in Germany, or the midfield anchorman from Dynamo Moscow, Victor Onopko.

Without Hendry, Scotland are likely *to revert* to a traditional back four, but Stu*art McCall may* also be asked to hang back and cover Rus*sian counter-attacks.* For all that, Brown can hardly afford to design cautious tactics. Victory, which would give Scotland the full nine points from their first three games in group eight, is far too alluring.

The coach has a dependable *midfield*, but can only guess what will be made of their service. Yesterday, *Brown* identified five experienced forwards who are injured and unavailable. Doubts even linger over those who are present. John McGinlay will play, but it is not certain that John Spencer, of Chelsea, who has barely recovered from a hamstring injury, can accompany him. His place could go instead to Scott Booth.

SCOTLAND (probable): A Goram (Rangers); S McKimmie (Aberdeen), A McLaren (Rangers), C Levein (Heart of Midlothian), T Boyd (Celtic); W McKinlay (Dundee United), G McAllister (Leeds United), S McCall (Rangers), J Collins (Celtic), S Booth (Aberdeen), J McGinlay (Bolton Wanderers).

GROUP EIGHT

RESULTS: Finland 0 Scotland 2; Faeroe Islands 1 Greece 5; Scotland 5 Faeroe Islands 1; Greece 4 Finland 0; Russia 4 San Marino 0.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Greece	2	2	0	0	9	1	6
Scotland	2	2	0	0	7	1	6
Russia	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
San Marino	1	0	0	1	0	4	0
Finland	2	0	0	2	0	6	0
Faeroe Isl	2	0	0	2	2	10	0

FIXTURES: Today: Scotland v Russia; Greece v San Marino; Finland v Faeroe Islands. Dec 14: Finland v San Marino. Dec 18: Greece v Scotland. 1995: Mar 29: Russia v Scotland; San Marino v Finland. Apr 26: San Marino v Scotland, Greece v Russia. Faeroe Islands v Finland. May 6: Russia v Faeroe Islands. May 25: Faeroe Islands v San Marino. Jun 7: Faeroe Islands v Scotland; San Marino v Russia. Jun 11: Finland v Greece. Aug 16: Scotland v Greece; Finland v Russia. Sep 6: Scotland v Finland; Faeroe Islands v Russia; San Marino v Greece. Oct 11: Russia v Greece, Faeroe Islands v San Marino. Nov 15: Scotland v San Marino; Russia v Finland; Greece v Faeroe Islands.

Smith faces up to price of failure for Wales in Georgia

From Russell Kempson in Tbilisi, Georgia

NOVEMBER has seen an eventful start to the sacking season in the FA Carling Premiership. Itchy, dissatisfied chairmen have disposed of Osvaldo Ardiles, Mike Walker and Ron Atkinson in quick succession while Gerry Francis, treated so shabbily at Loftus Road, eventually jumped *of his own accord.* Mike Smith, the Wales manager, *is under no illusions that* the blood-letting may well *extend to the international* stage should his side bow to Georgia here today.

In the third match of their European championship qualifying group seven campaign, Wales are in urgent need of a victory to compensate for their surprise 3-2 defeat in Moldavia last month. The players, and Smith, are also aware that another setback may mean much more than just their probable elimination from the tournament.

"It seems that every manager is under pressure these days," Smith said. "It's an equally precarious situation for us and, if you lose two or three games in your group, you could lose your job. It appears to be the nature of things now.

"I felt that the reaction after the Moldavia game was a bit barmy. We played quite well in the second half and the fact that two of the goals we conceded featured in the goal of the month competition on TV shows that somebody thinks Moldavia can play a bit."

Smith, 59, took over — for his second spell at the helm — in March after the farcical one-match, 48-day reign of John Toshack, the successor to Terry Yorath. His contract extends until the end of the European championship but his four games in charge have produced an unremarkable two wins and two defeats.

With the higher-profile likes of Walker, a Welshman, Ardiles and Atkinson now also available, submission in the Georgian capital's vast yet tatty national stadium could *signal a radical rethink* by Football Association of Wales (FAW) *officials. Smith,* increasingly tiring of the mana*gerial limelight, might even* pre-empt any FAW move by *standing down.*

Unlike in Moldavia, at least *he now has the presence* of three senior players — Ian Rush, Mark Hughes and Dean Saunders. Hughes and Rush will form a twin-pronged attack, with Saunders floating behind in a free role. "It will be very difficult to qualify if we don't get a good result here," Hughes said. "It wouldn't be totally the end, but not far from it."

WALES: N Southall (Everton); A Neilson (Newcastle United), M Bowen (Norwich City), A Melville (Sunderland), C Coleman (Crystal Palace), D Phillips (Nottingham Forest), B Horne (Everton), G Speed (Leeds United); I Rush (Liverpool), M Hughes (Manchester United), D Saunders (Aston Villa).

GROUP SEVEN

RESULTS: Georgia 0 Moldavia 1; Wales 2 Albania 0; Moldavia 3 Wales 2; Bulgaria 2 Georgia 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Moldavia	2	2	0	0	4	2	6
Bulgaria	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Wales	2	1	0	1	4	3	3
Albania	1	0	0	1	0	2	0
Georgia	2	0	0	2	0	3	0
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FIXTURES: Today: Albania v Germany; Georgia v Wales; Bulgaria v Moldavia. Dec 14: Wales v Bulgaria, Moldavia v Germany; Albania v Georgia. Dec 18: Germany v Albania. 1995: Mar 29: Georgia v Germany, Bulgaria v Wales, Albania v Moldavia. Apr 26: Germany v Wales; Moldavia v Bulgaria; Georgia v Albania. Jun 7: Bulgaria v Germany; Wales v Georgia; Moldavia v Albania. Sep 6: Germany v Georgia; Wales v Moldavia; Albania v Bulgaria. Oct 7: Bulgaria v Albania. Oct 8: Germany v Moldavia. Oct 11: Wales v Germany. Nov 15: Germany v Bulgaria; Albania v Wales; Moldavia v Georgia.

FOR THE RECORD

FOOTBALL

European championship

Group six

LIECHTSTEIN (0) 0 LATVIA (1) 1
1 300 Babichev 14

European U-21 championship

Group seven

GEORGIA (0) 1 WALES (1) 2
Anchabadze pen 56 Teddy 2
10 000 Jones 51
Sent off: Jonaki (Georgia) 74

Group one: Poland 0 France 4: Azerbaijan 1 Israel 2

Group seven: Bulgaria 2 Moldavia 0

Group eight: Greece 4 San Marino 0

ANGLO-ITALIAN CUP: Group B: Cesena 1 Sheffield United 4

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Crystal Palace 3 Watford 1

FA YOUTH CUP: First round: Northampton Town 1 Walsall 2

SCHOOLS: FA Premier League under-16 trophy: Cheshire 1 Greater Manchester 1

Late results on Monday

FA Cup: First round: Preston North End 1 Blackpool 0

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Bath 2 Farnborough 0

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Carshalton 0 Hayes 0. Third division: Tring Town 1 East Thurrock United 3

CAPITAL LEAGUE: Welling United 3 West Ham United 3

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol Rovers 3 Southampton 1

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Leeds United 4 Derby County 0

ATHLETICS

ROAD RUNNING: Strasbourg (10km): 1, J Kanuki (Kenya) 28min 54sec; 2, J Cridello (France) 29.01; 3, D Sinyakov (Russ) 29.25; 4, H Essebbani (Mor) 29.34; 5, E Dubus (Fr) 29.45. Fontenay-les-Brits (8km): 1, P Guerra (Por) 22.44; 2, W Omwoya (Ken) 22.51; 3, J Vanrensburg (SA) 23.11; 4, Y Shegeon (Russ) 23.11; 5, M Ezzher (Fr) 23.12

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NFL): Pittsburgh 23 Buffalo 10

BADMINTON

HULL: Inter county championship, first division: Yorkshire 3 Lothian 9

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Utah 110 New York 97.

CYCLING

CYCLO-CROSS: Severn RC (Cowmead, Bristol, 10 miles): 1, J Richardson (Team Bike Bristol) 51.20; 2, A Wilkinson (Severn RC) at 1.44; 3, I Tremlett (Avon and Somerset Police CC) at 2.11

CRICKET

TOUR MATCH: Bangalore: Indian Board President's XI 239 (V Rathore 64) and 234-7 (P K Amre 90, C G Benjamin 4-49); West Indians 403 (P V Simmons 91, J C Adams 95, L T Arthurton 104). Match drawn.

TOUR MATCH: Kimberley: New Zealand First Innings 295-5 dec (D Murray 62, C Harris not out 110, K Rutherford 50); Griqualand West First Innings 41-2

GOLF

WORLD RANKINGS: 1, N Price (Zim) 21.39 pts average; 2, G Norman (Aus) 20.22; 3, B Langer (Ger) 15.99; 4, N Faldo (GB) 15.62; 5, J M Olazabal (Sp) 15.24; 6, F Couples (US) 14.16; 7, E Els (SA) 14.16; 8, C Montgomerie (GB) 12.20; 9, C Pavin (US) 10.99; 10, M Ozaki (Japan) 10.76; 11, D Frost (SA) 10.07; 12, F Zoeller (US) 9.75; 13, T Kite (US) 9.19; 14, V Singh (Fiji) 8.93; 15, S Ballesteros (Sp) 8.81; 16, M McNulty (Zim) 8.76; 17, T Lehman (US) 8.42; 18, I Woosnam (GB) 8.37; 19, P Mickelson (US) 7.51; 20, L Roberts (US) 7.46

FENCING

CARDIFF: Welsh Open: Men: Foil: 1, J Davis (Boston); 2, A Gosbee (Boston); 3, D McKenzie (Scot); 4, S Johnson (Sussex House). Women: Foil: 1, L Harris (Salle Paul); 2, L Strachan (Salle Paul), equal 3, S Mawby (Salle Paul); S Keller (Boston). Epee: 1, C Read (Taunton); 2, P Tomlinson (Reading)

HOCKEY

AUCKLAND: International match: New Zealand 2 Pakistan 2

HOCKEY ASSOCIATION CUP: Second round draw: Anchorians v City of Portsmouth; Bath Buccaneers v Hereford; Blandford v Plymouth; Bournemouth v United Services Portsmouth; City of Oxford v REME; Clacton v Bishops Stortford; Evesham v Nottingham; Fareham v Lewes; Freet v Ramgarhia (Middlesex); Formby v Sheffield Bankers; Glass or Harrogate v Disley; Gore Court v Belvedere; Ipswich v Old Southendians; Knutsford v Ben Rhydding; Marconhead v High Wycombe; North Notts v Enegnorth; Northampton Saints v Belper; Norton v Southport; Olton and West Warwickshire v Colchester; Oxford Hawks v Oxshott; Peterborough Town v Chelmsford; Redbridge and Ilford v Bedford; Spencer v Winchester; Staines v Harne Bay; Timperley v RAF Strike Command; Wakefield v York; Warwick v Old Halesonians; Weston-super-Mare v Cheltenham; Woking v Beckenham (Matches to be played on November 27).

MOTOR SPORT

PEAK REVS RALLY (Shropshire): 1, D Evans (Peugeot 205) 5min 40sec; 2, D Jones (Talbot Sunbeam) 7.29; 3, K Ikin (Ford Escort) 7.45

BROCKHALL VILLAGE CHARITY STAGES (Lancashire): 1, I Savage (Escort Cosworth) 39min 07sec; 2, P Cooper (Metro 6R4) 39.18; 3, N Wearden (Sierra Cosworth) 39.40

WHEELSPIN STAGES (Cornwall): 1, A Orchard (Escort Cosworth) 36min 09sec; 2, D Parnell (Ford Escort) 36.46; 3, S Allen (Lancia Delta integrale) 37.24

REAL TENNIS

LEAMINGTON: Conrad Construction doubles championship: Final: N Durlacher and H Dalton bt C Wade and J Yorke Long 6-3

RUGBY UNION

TOUR MATCH: Scottish Selection 10 South African XV 35

SCHOOLS MATCH: Royal School Dungannon 16 Royal Belfast AI 15

SQUASH

BROXBOURNE: British Satellite Circuit final: A Toes (Yorks) bt J Davis (Herts) 9-6, 9-1, 9-1

PHILADELPHIA: Open Championships, finals: Men: M Heath (Scot) bt C Rowland (Aus) 15-11, 15-7, 15-4. Women: R Macree (Eng) bt V Cardwell (Aus) 12-15, 15-8, 15-11, 15-8

TENNIS

FRANKFURT: ATP world championship: Red Group: S Bruguera (Sp) bt M Chang (US) 7-6, 7-5. White Group: B Becker (Ger) bt G Ivanisevic (Croatia) 6-3, 3-6, 7-6

EASTBOURNE: Texaco women's challenger tournament: Singles: First round: S Georges (Fr) bt H Thoms (Ger) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4; G Dondit (Switz) bt A Barna (Ger) 7-5, 6-4; K Hand (GB) bt J Jehs (Ger) 7-5, 6-3; K De Weille (Holl) bt C Wuillot (Bel) 6-1, 6-1; M Seibold (Ger) bt S Wachtershauser (Ger) 6-4, 6-2; Y Basting (Holl) bt C Kohde-Kilsch (Ger) 6-3, 4-6, 6-0; N Dechy (Fr) bt S Parhomenko (Russ) 6-1, 2-6, 6-0; S Schmidle (Ger) bt P Kamstra (Holl) 3-6, 6-1, 6-4; S Klenova (Cz Rep) bt E Bond (GB) 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; T Kaesch (Fr) bt A Wainwright (GB) 6-0, 6-1

NEW YORK: Virginia Slims Championships: First round: K Date (Japan) bt S Hack (Ger) 6-3, 6-0; J Halard (Fr) bt A Sanchez Vicario (Sp) 6-2, 1-6, 7-6. Doubles, first round: M Bollegraf (Holl) and M Navratilova (US) bt J Hetherington (Can) and S Stafford (US) 6-2, 6-3

ATP RANKINGS: 1, P Sampras (US) 4,579 pts; 2, A Agassi (US) 3,065; 3, S Bruguera (Sp) 2,937; 4, G Ivanisevic (Croatia) 2,936; 5, B Becker (Ger) 2,848; 6, M Chang (US) 2,627; 7, A Berasategui (Sp) 2,470; 8, S Edberg (Swe) 2,438. British placings: 74, J Bates 591; 104, M Petchey 476; 158, T Henman 281; 188, C Wilkinson 217; 240, G Henderson 153; 245, R Matheson 145; 269, N Gould 129; 276, A Foster 124; 278, M Maclagan 122; 306, D Sapsford 106

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

International match
England v Nigeria
(at Wembley, 8.0)

European championship
Group six
Northern Ireland v Ireland (8.0)
Group seven
Georgia v Wales (10am)
Group eight
Scotland v Russia (8.0)

Vauxhall Conference
Dagenham and Redbridge v Stevenage (7.45)

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE (7.30): Premier division: Cambridge City v Corby; Solihull v Leek; VS Rugby v Hednesford. Midland division: Newport AFC v Forest Green. Southern division: Fareham v Weston-super-Mare; Salisbury v Yate Town; *Wealdstone v Baldock Town.*

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Second round, second leg: Ebbw Vale v Llanelli (7.30).

PONTINS LEAGUE (7.0): First division: Aston Villa v Bolton; Blackburn v West Bromwich; *Manchester United* v Sunderland; Notts County v Tranmere; Wolverhampton v Coventry. Second division: Barnsley v Preston; Blackpool v Bradford; Grimsby v Birmingham; Newcastle v Sheffield Wednesday; Port Vale v Burnley; York v Huddersfield.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Brighton v Portsmouth (7.15); Ipswich v West Ham (7.30); Luton v Wimbledon (2.0). League Cup: Cardiff v Hereford (2.0); Cheltenham v Bath (7.30); Plymouth v Exeter (7.30); Swansea v Birmingham (2.0); Yeovil v Bournemouth (7.45)

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE (7.30): First division: East Cowes Vics v Petersfield

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE (7.30): Premier division: Dunstable Old Boys v Milton Keynes. O'Brien Butchers Challenge Trophy: Second round: Royston Town v Stratford Town.

FA YOUTH CUP: Second round: Norwich City v Millwall (7.30)

RUGBY UNION

CIS county championship
Midlands group A
East Midlands v Notts, Lincs and Derbys (Northampton, 7.30)

CLUB MATCHES: Bonymaen v Ystradgynlais (7.15); Oxford University v Major Stanley's XV (3.0); Plymouth v Royal Navy (7.15)

OTHER SPORT

SNOOKER: Preston: Royal Liver Assurance UK championship

TENNIS: Eastbourne: Texaco Women's Challenger tournament.

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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 48

SMIDGE
(a) A tiny amount, originally and chiefly US, origin unknown, perhaps from the dialect *smitch*. "Do you suppose I might have a smidge of that, Inspector? *It looks so good, and I haven't had* any breakfast."

WANDEROBO
(b) The name of a nomadic hunting tribe of Kenya, also *Wandorobo, Wandrobo,* etc. From the native name. "Primitive hunting tribes are the Wanderobo in Masailand and scattered tribes of small stature in various parts."

TZEDAKA
(c) Or *tzedakah*, charity, the obligation to help one's fellow Jews, from the Hebrew. "To all who have helped our brothers overseas in the year 5733, let me say that there can be no finer act of Tzedakah."

TIENTA
(a) In Spain, an occasion at which young bulls in the field are tested *for spirit as prospective* stud and fighting bulls, from the Spanish for "probe". "Memory of the tienta stirs and fires him to a prompt charge, his weariness forgotten."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1 ... e6! opens the long diagonal to devastating effect. After 1 ... Qxe6; 2 Qxh7+! Kxh7; 3 Rh3+ Kg8; 4 Rh8 is mate. 1 ... fxe6 is met similarly and Black has no other satisfactory reply.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES 071-782 7344

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE NO: 006983 of 1994
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF HILLSDOWN HOLDINGS PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
-and-
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 28th October, 1994 presented to Her Majesty's Court of Justice for the confirmation of a reduction of the sum standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company by the aggregate of £397 million and C$48,996,013.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 30th day of November 1994.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of share premium account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 16th day of November 1994.
HERBERT SMITH
Exchange House,
Primrose Street,
LONDON, EC2A 2HS.
Tel: 071 374 8000
Fax: 071 496 0043
Ref: 72/C262
Solicitors for the above-named Company

SANDINGHAM MOTORS LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, Terence John Roper FIPA, of T J Roper & Co, Barbican Citygate, 1-3 Dufferin Street, London, EC1Y 8NA was appointed Liquidator of the above named Company by the Members and Creditors on 4th November 1994.
Dated 7th November 1994
T J ROPER, Liquidator

Delta Systems (Europe) Limited
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1A 8JA, on 21 November 1994 at 11.00am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 and 101 of the said Act. Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office, not later than 12 noon on 18 November 1994.
For the purposes of voting, a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge at New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at New Garden House, 78 Hatton Garden, London EC1N 8JA, between 10.00 a.m and 4.00 p.m on the two business days preceeding the date of the meeting stated above.
By Order of the Board.
Martin Ford,
Director.
Witnessed by: Company Secretary.

STATUTORY DEMAND
Section 268(1)(A) Insolvency Act 1986.
To Anand Zena
Last known at 6, Emily Mansions 88-91 Landor Road, London SE9 9RU.
Substituted Service from Anthony J Hewitt Ltd, 9 Saville Row, London W1X 1AF.
We claim that you owe the sum of £1615.62 (One Thousand Six Hundred and Fifteen Pounds and Sixty Two Pence) for goods produced and delivered and demand that you pay the same in full within 18 days of the date or it is intended to present a Bankruptcy Petition in the High Court in London.
A.J.Hewitt, Director.
15 November 1994.

Notewell Limited
In Administrative Receivership.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 48 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a general meeting of the unsecured creditors of the above-named company will be held at PO Box 883, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF on Friday 25 November 1994 at 14.30 hrs for the purpose of having a report laid before the meeting and of hearing any explanation that may be given by the Administrative Receivers. Creditors whose claims are wholly secured are not entitled to attend or be represented.
Please note that a creditor is entitled to vote only if he has delivered to the Administrative Receivers at Leonard Curtis & Co, not later than 12.00 hrs on Thursday 24 November 1994 details in writing of the debt claimed to be due from the company, and the claim has been duly admitted under the provisions of the Insolvency Rules 1986 and there has been lodged with the Administrative Receivers any proxy which the creditor intends to use on his behalf.
Dated 10 November 1994
K.D. Goodman, FCA
Joint Administrative Receiver.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
ASHDAR INTERIORS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 2nd December 1994 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Eric William Sheppard FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors, free of charge, with such information concerning the Company's affairs as they may reasonably require.
DATED this 4 day of November 1994
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
R. BLAND
DIRECTOR

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
UNITCARE (UK) LIMITED Former Name BLAZEFAX FORWARDING LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
Notice is hereby given that Peter John Forsey of Wilkins Kennedy, Bridge House, London Bridge, London SE1 9QR was appointed Liquidator of the above company on 28th October 1994.
Creditors are required to send their names and addresses and particulars of their claims to the Liquidator on or before 23rd December 1994 and if so required by notice in writing from the Liquidator, personally or by their solicitor to come in and prove their debts at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
Dated this 4th day of November 1994
P J FORSEY, LIQUIDATOR.

In the matter of
Glass Insulation Specialists Ltd.
Nature of Business - Manufacture of Double Glazing.
Administration Order Made 31 October 1994.
Date 10 November 1994
G.C.A MORPHITIS
Joint Administrators.
Grant Thornton
Grant Thornton House,
Melton Street,
Euston Square, London NW1 2EP.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
THE BRODSWORTH HOME COAL DELIVERY SERVICE LIMITED.
Registered Number: 2844478.
Trading Name: The Brodsworth Home Coal Delivery Service Limited.
Nature of Business: Hauling and Carting Contractors.
Date of Appointment of Administrative Receivers: 14th November 1994.
Name of person appointing Administrative Receivers: Laceway Limited.
Joint Administrative Receivers: David Emanual Morton Mond and David Bottomley. (Office Holder Numbers: 0/002340/01 and 0/005986/01) of Hodgsons, Chartered Accountants, George House, 48 George Street, Manchester, M1 4HF.

The Printing Works Limited (IN CREDITORS VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, notice is hereby given that I, K.D. Goodman, FCA a Licensed Insolvency Practitioner of Messrs. Leonard Curtis & Co, PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, was appointed Liquidator of the above Company by the members and creditors on 11th November 1994.
DATED THIS 11th November 1994
K.D Goodman, FCA
Liquidator

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Henderson looks to heavens

BY JULIAN MUSCAT

NICKY Henderson, the Lambourn trainer, yesterday pronounced himself more than satisfied with the work-outs of both Raymylette and Thumbs Up, his two candidates for the First National Bank Gold Cup Chase at Ascot on Saturday.

However, although keen to pitch his second-season novices into the fray, Henderson said that drying conditions at the Berkshire course were causing him concern, particularly for Raymylette, thus far unbeaten in three races over fences. "Raymylette worked very well and we'd like to run him," Henderson said, "but if we have four dry days and the ground firms up, I'm afraid we would have to think again. It's a little frustrating; Ascot does dry out quickly."

Henderson will not be alone in hoping for rain as the connections of Lord Relic, Beachy Head and Sweet Duke are in a similar predicament. And Viking Flagship, the two-mile champion, may be forced out of the Manicou Chase on the supporting card.

Nick Cheyne, the clerk of the course at Ascot, reported good ground yesterday. "A little rain has been forecast for Wednesday night and slightly more on Thursday night," he said. "I'd like to think we'll have good ground on the day. Although it is drying out, the course has taken a lot of water recently and there is a good cover of grass."

One horse who will not be running anywhere this week is Monsieur Le Cure. The promising eight-year-old, due to tackle the Edward Hamner Memorial Chase at Haydock today, suffered minor bruising when he spread a plate while exercising yesterday morning. "It's nothing serious," the gelding's trainer, John Edwards, explained, "but he's too good a horse to take a chance with."

There are three alternatives next week for him: the Peterborough Chase at Huntingdon, the Jacky Upton Chase at Newbury or the Durkan Chase at Punchestown a week on Saturday, which is Hennessy day at Newbury. Edwards said: "Monsieur Le Cure's owner has business commitments on the day of the Punchestown race but we have to be governed by what is best for the horse.

"He's more likely to get his soft ground in Ireland. It is irritating to miss the Haydock race, which looked right up his street."

On the Hennessy front, Young Hustler's confirmed absence, as a result of muscular damage to his back, means the subsequent rise in weights should allow One Man, allocated 9st 7lb, to the edge of the handicap. Punters were quick to take advantage, supporting the grey chaser to 3-1 clear favourite, from 5-1, with Ladbrokes yesterday. The firm then bet: 4-1 Dubacilla, 12-1 Country Member, Captain Dibble, 14-1 Martomick and last year's favourite, Black Humour, 20-1 and upwards the others.

Ushers Island is doubtful for the Hennessy but Antonin, pulled up after disappointing at Cheltenham on Saturday, has definitely been ruled out after a bronchial wash showed unhealthy deposits of mucus in his throat. The six-year-old, trained by Sue Bramall, will now be routed towards the Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow on December 3.

Better news concerns Montelado, the Irish-trained Champion Hurdle aspirant. The seven-year-old has been off the track with a leg injury since winning the Supreme Novices' Hurdle at Cheltenham 20 months ago, but his trainer, Pat Flynn, reports him ready to rejoin the circuit at Thurles on December 18. Flakey Dove and Oh So Risky, first and second in the Champion Hurdle in March, are expected to cross swords at Ascot on Friday.

Nap: SOUNDS STRONG
(1.20 Haydock Park)
Next best: Call Home
(1.30 Kempton Park)

MARC ASPLAND



Antonin, recovering from an infection, has his sights on the Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow early next month

HAYDOCK PARK

THUNDERER

12.50 Seasonal Splendour. 1.20 Toogood To Be True. 1.50 Saint Ciel. 2.20 Captain Dibble. 2.50 Native Mission. 3.20 Better Bythe Glass. 3.50 Googly.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 1.20 TOOGOOD TO BE TRUE.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES ON CHASE COURSE) SIS

12.50 NEWTON-LE-WILLOWS POLICE MARES ONLY NOVICES HURDLE (£2,304: 2m) (12 runners)

101 40-0 BOLANEY GIRL 56 (J Proudfoot) J O'Neill 5-10-12 ... A Roche –
102 22334-5 BOSSBURG 39 (S) (Mrs K Lloyd) D McCain 7-10-12 ... D McCain (5) –
103 12-2 CERTAINLY STRONG 19 (BF,S) (N Skelton) D Nicholson 4-10-12 ... A Maguire [illegible]
104 US CINDER MHOR 40 (Miss A Lee) M Barnes 5-10-12 ... G Cahill (7) –
105 000P00- COME ON LUCY 105F (S Eaton) S Coathup 5-10-12 ... Mark Brown 62
106 1- ELASTIC 287 (G,S) (Mrs D Cockburn) R Cockburn 6-10-12 ... Mr R Hale –
107 0/44- GRAY ROSETTE 165 (G Thelwall Jones) A Bailey 5-10-12 ... D Bridgwater –
108 UP000-F LADY KHADIJA 79 (A Barrett) G Kelly 6-10-12 ... J Burke 62
109 02P5-P0 MISS JEDD 5 (V) (W Young) W Young 7-10-12 ... L Wyer 87
110 0 PEARL EPEE 11 (Mrs A Stokes) D Nicholson 5-10-12 ... R Bellamy –
111 00- SCILLY CAY 200 (Mrs D Whitaker) G Richards 5-10-12 ... A Dobbin –
112 SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 26F (D Johnson) M Pipe 4-10-12 ... R Dunwoody –

BETTING: 6-4 Certainly Strong, 9-4 Seasonal Splendour, 7-1 Gray Rosette, Elastic, 10-1 Pearl Epee, 16-1 Bossburg, Miss Jedd, 20-1 others

1993: DINALI DANCER 3-10-12 N Mann (9-2) A Bailey 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

CERTAINLY STRONG 10l 2nd of 19 to Callisoe Bay in novice hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good). COME ON LUCY 27l 11th of 18 to Sharp Dance in novice handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, good to firm) in May. ELASTIC beat Col Lane 14l in 18-runner maiden hunter chase at Hexham (3m 1f, heavy) in April. GRAY ROSETTE 11¾l 4th of 17 to Ivy Edith in National Hunt Flat race at Chepstow (2m 110yd, soft) in June. SEASONAL SPLENDOUR 1l 2nd of 14 to Eire Leath Sceal in handicap at Doncaster (1m 6f 132yd, good to soft).
Selection: CERTAINLY STRONG

1.20 EARLESTOWN NOVICES CHASE (£4,085: 2m 4f) (8 runners)

201 40/523-1 UNGUIDED MISSILE 14 (CD,G) (D Hanson) G Richards 6-11-9 ... A Dobbin 90
202 3/PF04-3 CHALIE RICHARDS 14 (Hallwood Vintners Ltd) D McCain 7-11-1 ... D McCain –
203 1/11P10- LE GINNO 245 (G,S) (Irish World Partnership) C Brooks 7-11-1 ... D Gallagher –
204 20-325 PERCY THROWER 13 (Mrs R Hambro) N Twiston-Davies 7-11-1 ... D Bridgwater –
205 433U23- THE POD'S REVENGE 204 (S) (A Spruce) E Alston 9-11-1 ... N Mann 78
206 5311P-3 TOOGOOD TO BE TRUE 18 (G,S) (J McGrath) M H Easterby 6-11-1 ... L Wyer [illegible]
207 SOUNDS STRONG (Mrs D Thompson) D Nicholson 5-11-0 ... A Maguire –
208 5480-23 STOP THE WALLER 19 (R Borgan) M Barnes 5-11-0 ... G Cahill 72

BETTING: 9-4 Toogood To Be True, 3-1 Unguided Missile, 4-1 Le Ginno, 9-2 Sounds Strong, 10-1 Chalie Richards, Percy Thrower, The Pod's Revenge, 14-1 Stop The Waller.

1993: ONE MAN 5-11-4 N Doughty (8-15 fav) G Richards 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

UNGUIDED MISSILE beat Silver Age 20l in 6-runner novice handicap chase over course and distance (good), with CHALIE RICHARDS (4lb worse off) 30l 3rd. LE GINNO best effort last season beat Even Blue 6l in 10-runner novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 1f, soft). TOOGOOD TO BE TRUE neck and 8l 3rd of 10 to Marchwood in novice chase at Wetherby (3m 110yd, good). STOP THE WALLER 10l 2nd of 11 to Muskora in novice chase at Worcester (2m, good).
Selection: TOOGOOD TOO BE TRUE

1.50 LIVERPOOL HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,063: 2m) (6 runners)

301 F/P1056- NELTEGRITY 230F (D,S) (B Jones) T Caldwell 5-11-10 ... Pat Caldwell 98
302 413-432 COL BUCKMORE 14 (CD,BF,F,G) (B Buckley) G Richards 6-11-9 ... A Dobbin 97
303 403-121 ZAJIRA 12 (G) (P Leonard) Mrs J Ramsden 4-11-7 ... R Garritty 92
304 15216-1 SAINT CIEL 14 (CD,G,S) (Tam Racing) F Jordan 6-10-13 ... J Lodder [illegible]
305 6P0/510- LITTLE BROMLEY 238 (D,S) (A Eubank) A Eubank 7-10-13 ... Mr R Hale 90
306 661113/ TEXAS SCRAMBLE 709 (CD,G,S) (Emrs of I Baugh) B Baugh 5-10-9 Gary Lyons –

BETTING: 2-1 Saint Ciel, 5-2 Zajira, 5-1 Col Buckmore, Neltegrity, 6-1 Little Bromley, 8-1 Texas Scramble.

1993: SUNSET ROCK 5-10-8 M Dwyer (6-4 fav) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4 ran

FORM FOCUS

NELTEGRITY 13¾l 6th of 15 to Stylus in claiming hurdle at Uttoxeter (2m, soft) in March. COL BUCKMORE 4½l 3rd of 15 to Daring Past in handicap hurdle at Wetherby (2m, good) on penultimate start. ZAJIRA beat Vasiliev 4l in 9-runner handicap hurdle at Market Rasen (2m 1f 110yd, good). SAINT CIEL beat COL BUCKMORE (6lb better off) 7l in handicap hurdle over course and distance (good). LITTLE BROMLEY best effort last season beat Rebel King 2½l in 19-runner novice hurdle at Catterick (2m, good to soft), with ZAJIRA (18lb worse off) 11½l 7th. TEXAS SCRAMBLE 28l 3rd of 14 to Ellie Reg in novice hurdle at Warwick (2m, soft) in December 1992.
Selection: SAINT CIEL

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating

2.20 EDWARD HANMER MEMORIAL CHASE (Limited handicap: £10,065: 3m) (4 runners)

401 1/2306-2 RUN FOR FREE 18 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs M Freathy) M Pipe 10-12-0 ... R Dunwoody 98
402 14242-3 GENERAL PERSHING 14 (D,F,G,S) (J Potter) G Richards 8-11-3 ... A Dobbin 91
403 15330/2 CAPTAIN DIBBLE 13 (D,F,G,S) N Twiston-Davies 9-11-0 ... D Bridgwater 90
404 2114-35 ARMAGRET 19 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs R Wilkinson) B Wilkinson 9-10-7 ... L O'Hara [illegible]

Long handicap: Armagret 10-3.

BETTING: 7-4 Captain Dibble, 2-1 Run For Free, 9-4 General Pershing, 7-1 Armagret.

1993: JODAMI 8-12-0 M Dwyer (5-4) P Beaumont 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

RUN FOR FREE 15l 2nd of 7 to Young Hustler in Grade II Charlie Hall Chase at Wetherby (3m 110yd, good). GENERAL PERSHING 18l 3rd of 4 to Martha's Son in handicap chase here (2m, good). CAPTAIN DIBBLE 20l 2nd of 9 to Lusty Light in limited handicap chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, good). ARMAGRET 3l 3rd of 4 to Over The Deel in handicap chase at Wetherby (3m 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start.
Selection: RUN FOR FREE

2.50 WARGRAVE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,652: 2m) (4 runners)

501 F2112-5 SPREE CROSS 18 (D,G,S) (P Mason) Mrs D Haine 8-12-0 ... D Bridgwater 96
502 22/1116- NATIVE MISSION 270 (D,G,S) (G Shouler) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-11-11 M Dwyer 90
503 045-221 MUTUAL TRUST 9 (D,F,G,S) (M Bowling) G Richards 10-10-5 (4ex). A Dobbin [illegible]
504 442FP-P POSITIVE ACTION 9 (D,F,G,S) (G Campbell) M Barnes 8-10-0 ... G Cahill 92

Long handicap: Positive Action 9-9.

BETTING: 5-4 Native Mission, 6-4 Spree Cross, 5-2 Mutual Trust, 16-1 Positive Action.

1993: GOOD FOR A LAUGH 9-9-7 Mr D Parker (6-1) Mrs S Bramall 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

SPREE CROSS 35l 5th of 6 to Storm Alert in handicap chase at Ascot (2m, good to firm). NATIVE MISSION best effort last season beat Belfton 5l in 6-runner Grade I Northumberland Novices Chase at Newcastle (2m 110yd, heavy) in December. MUTUAL TRUST beat Just Frankie 8l in 8-runner handicap chase at Carlisle (2m, good), with POSITIVE ACTION (1lb worse off) pulled up before 4 out. POSITIVE ACTION best effort last season 3½l 2nd of 7 to Fast Cruise in handicap chase at Bangor (2m 4f 110yd, good to soft)
Selection: MUTUAL TRUST

3.20 HINDLEY GREEN NOVICES HURDLE (£2,276: 2m 6f) (11 runners)

601 5005-51 BETTER BYTHE GLASS 11 (S) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-4 ... D Bridgwater [illegible]
602 025/ DORLIN CASTLE 564 (Mrs D Greig) L Lungo 6-10-12 ... T Reed –
603 30046/P DUNRAVEN BAY 39 (F Lloyd) F Lloyd 8-10-12 ... Gary Lyons –
604 583- LITTLE GUNNER 342 (A Bailey) R Price 4-10-12 ... R Davis 98
605 6 LORD NITROGEN 12 (J Purcell) R Emery 4-10-12 ... P Ward 70
606 3/120- MAYBE O'GRADY 245 (G) (D Bell) Mrs M Reveley 5-10-12 ... P Niven –
607 51063/0 NIYAKA 19 (G) (Mrs G Rees) J Wilson 7-10-12 ... A Maguire –
608 0/000- SHEELIN LAD 387 (Roman Wall Racing) L Lungo 6-10-12 ... F Perratt (5) –
609 0-0 STEEL BELLS 11 (Steel Plate & Sections Ltd) C Brooks 5-10-12 ... D Gallagher –
610 5/13-U THE GREY MONK 19 (G) (A Duff) G Richards 6-10-12 ... A Dobbin 98
611 420252- TRAVEL BOUND 205 (J Banister) J Parkes 9-10-12 ... R McCarthy –

BETTING: 11-4 Better Bythe Glass, 7-2 The Grey Monk, 9-2 Maybe O'Grady, 6-1 Little Gunner, 8-1 Dorlin Castle, 14-1 Travel Bound, 20-1 others.

1993: SPARROW HALL 6-10-12 M Dwyer (11-10 fav) Jimmy Fitzgerald 9 ran

FORM FOCUS

BETTER BYTHE GLASS beat Grunge 8l in 19-runner novice hurdle at Chepstow (3m, soft). LITTLE GUNNER 4¼l 3rd of 10 to Giordano in novice hurdle here (2m, heavy) last December. MAYBE O'GRADY best effort last season beat Down The Fella ¾l in 16-runner National Hunt Flat race at Sedgefield (2m 4f 110yd, good). NIYAKA tailed off 15th of 17 to Pelosius in charity National Hunt Flat race at Bangor (1m 4f, good to soft). Previously in April 1993, 21l 3rd of 9 to Ghia Gneuiagh in novice hurdle at Bangor (2m 7f 11oyd, good). THE GREY MONK 13½l 3rd of 13 to Carnetto in novice hurdle at Kelso (2m 110yd, heavy) last season. TRAVEL BOUND head 2nd of 8 to Lothian Pilot in handicap chase at Hexham (3m 1f, heavy) in April.
Selection: BETTER BYTHE GLASS

3.50 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,775: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

1 110663- GREY POWER 11F (D,F,S) (A Frame) Mrs M Reveley 7-11-10 ... P Niven [illegible]
2 341224- ZEALOUS KITTEN 186 (G,S) (M Oseman) R Price 6-10-8 ... J A McCarthy 93
3 1413-3 GOOGLY 11F (S) (B,BF) (Ms M Hoxan) J White 5-10-8 ... A Maguire 90
4 R331-03 IT'S THE PITS 4 (C,D,G,S) (Curne Group) L Lungo 7-10-8 ... F Perratt 98
5 301452- HIGH GRADE 277 (CD,G,S) (Under Orders 11) Miss S Wilton 6-10-6 R Dunwoody 98
6 P04436- LOGICAL FUN 165 (B,F,S) (Starkey Laboratories) J J O'Neill 6-10-0 ... M Dwyer 96
7 454-34P PRIZE MATCH 22 (S) (J Tuck) J Tuck 5-10-0 ... D Meade 88

Long handicap: Logical Fun 9-8, Prize Match 9-0

BETTING: 11-4 Googly, 7-2 Grey Power, 4-1 High Grade, 5-1 Zealous Kitten, 8-1 It's The Pits, 10-1 Prize Match, 12-1 Logical Fun.

1993: MYTHICAL STORM 6-9-10 Mr M Buckley (15-8 fav) Mrs M Reveley 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

GREY POWER 22½l 3rd of 5 to Loch Scavaig in handicap hurdle over course and distance (good to firm) in May. ZEALOUS KITTEN 21l 4th of 8 to Merlins Wish in Bangor handicap hurdle (2m 1f, good to firm) in May. GOOGLY 13l 3rd of 7 to Lucayan Gold in Newton Abbot handicap hurdle (2m 1f, good). IT'S THE PITS 12¾l 3rd of 7 to Northumbrian King in Ayr handicap hurdle (2m 4f, good to soft). HIGH GRADE 2½l 2nd of 8 to Buckerman in Uttoxeter handicap hurdle (2m 6f 110yd, soft) in February. LOGICAL FUN best effort last season 3¾l 3rd of 21 to Sansool in Carlisle handicap hurdle (3m 110yd, soft). PRIZE MATCH 4¾l 3rd of 14 to Anna Valley in Worcester handicap hurdle (2m 5f 110yd, good to soft)
Selection: GOOGLY

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
G Richards	36	109	33.0	N Mann	4	10	40.0
C Brooks	8	27	29.6	A Dobbin	4	17	23.5
M Pipe	28	99	28.3	R Dunwoody	10	43	23.3
D Nicholson	6	22	27.3	A Maguire	6	31	19.4
Mrs M Reveley	6	23	26.1	P Niven	7	42	16.7
Jimmy Fitzgerald	11	49	22.4	M Dwyer	17	103	16.5

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Reid strikes

JOHN Reid rode Hollywood Dream, trained in Germany by Uwe Ostmann, to an easy five lengths victory in the group three £22,883 Prix Fille de l'Air (1m 2f 110yd) at Saint-Cloud yesterday. Paul Cole's Girl From Ipanema, the mount of Richard Quinn, was third with the other British runner, the Lady Herries-trained Maidment (Tony Ives), eleventh.

KEMPTON PARK

THUNDERER

1.00 Golden Arrow. 1.30 Call Home. 2.00 **DUBLIN FLYER (nap).** 2.30 Jimmy The Gillie. 3.00 Sherwood Boy. 3.30 Wings Cove.

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

1.00 SUNBURY JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,448: 2m) (7 runners)

1 1221 GREENBACK 11 (D,F,S) P Hobbs 11-8 ... Peter Hobbs 95
2 1 GOLDEN ARROW 18 (D,F) I Balding 11-4 ... J Osborne [illegible]
3 DANDOUI 23F M Dixon 10-12 ... N Williamson –
4 9 PRINCE DE BERRY 11 J Gifford 10-12 ... P Hide (3) –
5 SHERIFF 22F J Hills 10-12 ... S McNeill –
6 PUELLA BONA 35F A Foster 10-7 ... G Bradley –
7 WIZZARD GEM 46F P Hedger 10-7 ... D O'Sullivan –

5-4 Golden Arrow, 2-1 Greenback, 7-2 Sheriff, 10-1 others.

1.30 SOUTHERN HERO NOVICES CHASE (£3,460: 3m) (6)

1 2F-1 CALL HOME 18 (F,G) J Gifford 6-11-6 ... P Hide (3) [illegible]
2 6542 CREWS CASTLE 12 (F,G) J Jenkins 7-11-6 ... G Bradley 78
3 013- TOP BRASS 214 (S) K Bailey 6-11-2 ... N Williamson –
4 /2-2 TURNING TRIX 20 (G) S Sherwood 7-11-2 ... J Osborne 94
5 PFP- ROMANY CREEK 295 G Balding 5-11-0 ... B Clifford –
6 32-U TEXAN BABY 6 (S) N Twiston-Davies 5-11-0 ... T Jenks (3) –

5-4 Call Home, 7-2 Turning Trix, 5-1 Top Brass, 6-1 Crews Castle, 10-1 others.

2.00 LIMBER HILL HANDICAP CHASE (£4,858: 2m 4f 110yd) (5)

1 041- RICHVILLE 200 (CD,F,G,S) K Bailey 8-11-11 ... N Williamson 92
2 212- DUBLIN FLYER 245 (G,S) T Forster 8-11-8 ... B Powell [illegible]
3 -424 BIBENDUM 13 (CD,F,G,S) R Waley-Cohen 8-11-3 Peter Hobbs 98
4 42-4 CALAPAEZ 16 (CD,F,G,S) Miss B Sanders 10-10-13 M Richards 92
5 9P RETAIL RUNNER 26 (G,S) J Gifford 9-10-0 ... P Hide (3) –

2-1 Dublin Flyer, 9-4 Richville, 3-1 Calapaez, 7-2 Bibendum, 14-1 Retail Runner

2.30 STAINES NOVICES CHASE (£3,525: 2m) (4)

1 40-1 SOUND REVEILLE 11 (D,S) C Brooks 6-11-6 ... G Bradley 67
2 4P6- CAPSIZE 247 (B,G) A Moore 8-11-0 ... B Powell 55
3 220- JIMMY THE GILLIE 202 (F,G,S) S Christian 8-11-0 ... G Upton [illegible]
4 0SU- PRESENT TIMES 240 (F,G,S) A Taylor 8-11-0 ... I Lawrence –

Evens Jimmy The Gillie, 5-4 Sound Reveille, 8-1 Capsize, Present Times

3.00 EBF NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,427: 2m) (10)

1 -211 SHERWOOD BOY 25 (D,F,G) K Bailey 5-11-10 N Williamson [illegible]
2 131- CHERYL'S LAD 139 (F) N Henderson 4-11-0 M A Fitzgerald –
3 4 GRAND VENTURE 13 A Turnell 5-11-0 ... S McNeill 76
4 MAJOR SUMMIT J Sheard 5-11-0 ... P Hide (3) –
5 5- MERLINS DREAM 235 O Sherwood 5-11-0 ... J Osborne –
6 4- MORE DASH THANCASH 236 Mrs M Jones 4-11-0 G Bradley –
7 PENOLA D Grissell 4-11-0 ... Peter Hobbs –
8 0-0 RELATIVE CHANCE 18 J King 5-11-0 ... G McCourt –
9 SEOD RIOGA S Mellor 5-11-0 ... M Perrett –
10 00- WREKENGALE 235 Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0 ... W Marston –

3-1 Sherwood Boy, 7-2 Cheryl's Lad, 9-2 Grand Venture, 6-1 More Dash Thancash, Merlins Dream, 7-1 Major Summit, 10-1 Wrekengale, 20-1 others.

3.30 DAYLIGHT EXTRA HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,395: 2m 5f) (4)

1 221- WINGS COVE 53F (CD G,S) Lady Herries 4-11-10 E Murphy 90
2 /11- OVERLORD 215 (G,S) W Muir 5-10-5 ... M Richards 90
3 -112 NADJATI 18 (F) D Gandolfo 5-10-4 ... J Osborne [illegible]
4 3-13 IRISH STAMP 21 (BF,S) F Murphy 5-10-2 ... N Williamson 95

7-4 Wings Cove, 5-2 Nadjati, 11-4 Overlord, 3-1 Irish Stamp

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Lady Herries, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; K Bailey, 11 from 38, 28.9%; N Henderson, 18 from 68, 26.5%; O Sherwood, 4 from 19, 21.1%; O Sherwood, 11 from 53, 20.8%.
JOCKEYS: W Marston, 4 winners from 9 rides, 44.4%; E Murphy, 5 from 17, 29.4%; N Williamson, 10 from 37, 27.0%; D O'Sullivan, 3 from 12, 25.0%; M A Fitzgerald, 8 from 38, 21.1%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Haydock Park: 3.50 Googly. Hereford: 3.35 Que Bella. Kempton Park: 2.30 Capsize. Southwell: 2.10 Westcourt Princess, 2.40 Glenvally

HEREFORD

THUNDERER

1.05 Fleur De Tal. 1.35 Polk. 2.05 Dextra Dove. 2.35 Truss. 3.05 Caoimseach. 3.35 Penlea Lady. 4.05 After Grace.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT

1.05 MARDEN JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (£1,625: 2m 1f) (14 runners)

1 2412 FLEUR DE TAL 28 (D,F,G) W G M Turner 11-9 ... T Murphy (7)
2 1403 DAKOTA GIRL 11 (D,G) G Balding 11-2 ... A P McCoy (5)
3 CASSIO'S BOY 378F R Eckley 11-0 ... Mr R Johnson (7)
4 CITADEL HILL 23F R Lee 11-0 ... L Harvey
5 0 GASSEEM 7 N Gaselee 11-0 ... J R Kavanagh
6 MORPETH 161F R Frost 11-0 ... J Frost
7 NIGHT IN A MILLION 12F Mrs J Cecil 11-0 ... T Kent
8 2 PASSING PLAYER 35 (BF) F Jordan 11-0 ... Mr L Squire (7)
9 TAYLORS HIGHFLYER 137F R Price 11-0 ... Mr G Hogan (5)
10 0 ENNISTYMON 19 D Nicholson 10-9 ... M Keighley (7)
11 HONEST ACHIEVER A James 10-9 ... V Slattery
12 2 MINSTER'S MADAM 15 R Simpson 10-9 ... R Supple
13 0 MOST BEAUTIFUL 19 K Bridgwater 10-9 ... D Leahy (3)
14 40 WAR O' THE ROSES 7 J Akehurst 10-9 ... R Farrant

5-2 Dakota Girl, 7-2 Night In A Million, 4-1 Fleur De Tal, 10-1 Minster's Madam, 12-1 Citadel Hill, 14-1 Passing Player, 16-1 Honest Achiever, 20-1 others

1.35 BRIDSTOW SELLING HURDLE (£1,751: 3m 2f) (9)

1 6-U3 POLK 8 (S) M Pipe 5-11-6 ... J Lower
2 P6-0 SMILES AHEAD 8 (G) W Clay 6-11-6 ... Diane Clay
3 04/0 ESCADARO 20 (V) Mrs V Ward 5-11-0 ... A Thornton
4 -003 FAST RUN 8 (F) (B) J Mullins 6-11-0 ... S Curran (5)
5 0P/0 KELLY THE BUCK 81 T Watson 6-11-0 ... J R Kavanagh
6 00P/ THE GORROCK 485F A Chamberlain 5-11-0 ... D Leahy (3)
7 5/43 WREKIN COLLEGE 41 B Preece 6-11-0 ... T Wall
8 P30- BLUE LYZANDER 242 R Brotherton 5-10-9 ... L Harvey
9 2523 OMIDJOY 36 (B,BF) J Jenkins 4-10-9 ... A P McCoy (5)

3-1 Wrekin College, 7-2 Polk, 4-1 Fast Run, 9-2 Escadaro, 5-1 Omidjoy, 12-1 Blue Lyzander, Smiles Ahead, 20-1 others.

2.05 SIDNEY PHILLIPS HANDICAP CHASE (£2,645: 2m 3f) (4)

1 -12P DEXTRA DOVE 11 (CD,F,G,S) R Alner 7-12-0 ... S Earle
2 -24F ROC COLOR 11 (G,S) C Brooks 5-11-6 ... M Berry (7)
3 35-3 PARDON ME MUM 13 (B,F,G,S) F Earle 9-10-13 ... F Leahy (5)
4 33/6 EVENING RAIN 15 (D,F,G,S) R Hodges 8-10-4 ... A Tory

Evens Dextra Dove, 9-4 Roc Color, 11-4 Pardon Me Mum, 12-1 Evening Rain

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Alner, 5 winners from 14 runners, 35.7%; N Gaselee, 4 from 14, 28.6%; C Brooks, 3 from 11, 27.3%; M Pipe, 29 from 104, 26.9%; Mrs H Parrott, 4 from 17, 23.5%; D Nicholson, 8 from 39, 20.5%.
JOCKEYS: Diane Clay, 3 winners from 9 rides, 33.3%; M Hourigan, 6 from 25, 24.0%; J R Kavanagh, 9 from 40, 22.5%; J Lower, 3 from 18, 16.7%; R Farrant, 6 from 37, 16.2%; D Leahy, 4 from 28, 14.3%.

2.35 BRIDGE SOLLARS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,476: 2m) (7)

1 0/2- MUSIC BOX 419 (G,S) R Hodges 8-11-10 ... A Tory
2 2-4P NORTHERN OPTIMIST 13 (F) B Llewellyn 6-11-4 ... Mr J L Llewellyn (5)
3 P/35 MAJOR BUSH 7 (S) Miss P Johnsey 7-11-1 ... L Harvey
4 3P0- IT'S AFTER TIME 203 (S) Mrs R Brackenbury 9-10-12 ... Guy Lewis (5)
5 6233 TRUSS 6 (G) J Upson 7-10-9 ... R Supple
6 6604 CASTLERICHARDKING 19 (G) K Bridgwater 9-10-6 D Leahy (3)
7 60-P EMBLEY BUOY 48 J Mullins 6-10-0 ... S Curran (5)

7-4 Truss, 9-4 Music Box, 5-1 Major Bush, 6-1 others.

3.05 BISHOPS FROME NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,031: 3m 3f 110yd) (15)

1 062- SIMON JOSEPH 238 T George 7-11-10 ... J Railton
2 P-06 ORUJO 16 Miss H Knight 6-11-5 ... R Marley
3 1 GUNMAKER 13 (S) B Llewellyn 5-11-2 ... Mr J L Llewellyn (5)
4 4-P0 INTENTION 18 I Campbell 4-11-0 ... R Campbell
5 0-F0 ZAYAN 20 D Gandolfo 4-10-12 ... P Holley
6 642- ALIAS SILVER 198 J Allen 7-10-12 ... Mr N Bradley (7)
7 6/50 FLIGHT OF SONG 20 P Murphy 7-10-10 ... D Bohan (7)
8 P635 HARDLY ARKENFELD 14 (BF) J Upson 6-10-10 ... R Supple
9 -464 MAC'S LEAP 42 Mrs I McKie 6-10-8 ... L Harvey
10 21R4 CAOIMSEACH 6 (G) G Ham 6-10-8 ... R Massey (7)
11 -133 FIRST CENTURY 28 (B,F) M Pipe 5-10-8 ... J Lower
12 -U56 RELAXED LAD 20 J Peacock 5-10-6 ... J R Kavanagh
13 F0-U FORTINA'S SONG 14 (B) S Griffiths 7-10-5 ... F Leahy (5)
14 30P- IT'S DELICIOUS 189 Mrs T Pilkington 8-10-1 ... Mr G Hogan (5)
15 P25- TULLYKYNE BELLS 190 (B) L Snook 5-10-0 ... M Hourigan

4-1 First Century, 7-1 Orujo, 5-1 Simon Joseph, 10-1 others.

3.35 GOLDEN VALLEY INNS NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,593: 3m 1f 110yd) (9)

1 2-3F PRINCE OF SALERNO 25 (BF) N Gaselee 7-11-10 J R Kavanagh
2 0-52 PENLEA LADY 22 Mrs M Jones 7-11-6 ... A P McCoy (5)
3 3321 MAGSOOD 6 (G) J Mullins 9-11-6 (6ex) ... S Curran (5)
4 0-0R NEW PROBLEM 39 R Manning 7-11-4 ... L Harvey
5 05-F CATS RUN 13 J Upson 6-11-2 ... R Supple
6 F-54 CLEAKILE 8 E Alston 8-11-0 ... A Procter (3)
7 2/3- BADBURY LAD 447 Mrs J Renfree-Barons 8-11-0 ... R Greene
8 0-F3 QUE BELLA 13 (B,G,S) O O'Neill 9-10-12 ... V Slattery
9 F0P- CARLINGFORD BELLE 236 J Needham 8-10-1 ... Richard Guest

9-4 Prince Of Salerno, 5-2 Magsood, 3-1 Penlea Lady, 8-1 others

4.05 SHEPHERDS MEADOW MARES ONLY STAKES (National Hunt Flat race: £1,529: 2m 1f) (17)

1 1 AFTER GRACE 20 (G) N Mason 4-11-7 ... J Supple (5)
2 PP- ANOTHER RUDRY 200P C Sowell 5-11-0 ... S Curran (5)
3 4U5- BAY LEADER 193F Mr J Pinner 5-11-0 ... J James (7)
4 BETHS WISH G Price 5-11-0 ... Guy Lewis (5)
5 SLUGANOO K Lee 4-11-0 ... J Bond (7)
6 CHURCHTOWN CHANCE W G M Turner 4-11-0 ... T Murphy (7)
7 FAIR CRUISE Mrs V Aconley 5-11-0 ... F Leahy (5)
8 FRESH LADY D Grissell 5-11-0 ... D Walsh (5)
9 GLENBROOK FORT [illegible] 5-11-0 ... D Leahy (3)
10 KAYT TWO Miss C Oliver 4-11-0 ... Philip Hughes (7)
11 KELLY'S FIDDLE Mrs J Pitman 4-11-0 ... Mr G Hogan (5)
12 LANDSKER STAR F Harris 4-11-0 ... D Salter (5)
13 MACY MAGIC F Lamb 6-11-0 ... D Bohan (7)
14 ORCHARD LADY W G M Turner 4-11-0 ... M Griffiths (7)
15 PURBECK POLLY R Alner 4-11-0 ... P Carey (7)
16 4- SEVSO 237 D Nicholson 5-11-0 ... R Massey (7)
17 VERONA PRINCESS J King 6-11-0 ... S Fox (5)

2-1 Sevso, 3-1 After Grace, 6-1 Bay Leader, 10-1 others.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Warwick

Going: good to soft

1.10 (2m hdle) 1, Second Call (R Farrant, 3-1 fav); 2, Ambassador Royale (4-1); 3, Master Of The Rock (16-1). 8 ran. NR: Sir Capt T Forster. Tote: £4.00; £1.70, £1.20, £4.20. DF: £9.00. CSF: £14.43. Tricast: £144.96.

1.40 (2m ch) 1, Counterbalance (J J Brown, 10-1); 2, Pontynyswen (15-8); 3, Gotta Be Joking (5-4 fav). 4 ran. 3l, 13l. J McConnochie. Tote: £10.40. DF: £14.60. CSF: £25.33.

2.10 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Doualago (J Lower, 8-11 fav); 2, Encolin (3-1); 3, Bossymoss (66-1). 5 ran. 25l, dist. M Pipe. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £1.60. DF: £2.10. CSF: £3.31.

2.40 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Scole (Richard Guest, 12-1); 2, Anderman (11-8); All For Luck 4-6 fav (fell). 3 ran. NR: Persian Sword. 25l. G Hubbard. Tote: £7.20. DF: £2.60. CSF: £24.14.

3.10 (3m 2f ch) 1, Sibton Abbey (Richard Guest, 16-1); 2, Tammy's Friend (5-1); 3, Warner For Winners (2-1). Willsford 6-4 fav. 6 ran. NR: Rufus. 1½l, 20l. G Hubbard. Tote: £12.30; £2.80, £2.30. DF: £23.50. CSF: £80.51.

3.40 (2m hdle) 1, Fourth In Line (N Williamson, 16-1); 2, Encore Un Peu (15-8 fav); 3, Mouse Bird (3-1). 22 ran. NR: Jack The Td. 4l, hd. J Edwards. Tote: £26.00; £5.70, £1.40, £3.00. DF: £40.20. CSF: £49.61.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £6,266.28 carried forward to Haydock Park today).
Placepot: £1,101.70. Quadpot: £105.40 (0.6 winning tickets. Pool of £57.00 carried forward to Haydock Park today).

Wetherby

Going: good to soft

1.00 (2m hdle) 1, Roberty Lea (P Niven, 10-1); 2, Cool Luke (10-1); 3, Thornton Gate (12-1). Lien de Famille 11-4 fav. 23 ran. NR: Laconic Henry. 6l, 4l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £9.60; £3.50, £3.20, £3.80. DF: £32.90. CSF: £108.39.

1.30 (2m ch) 1, Balstone Fox (A Maguire, 8-13 fav); 2, Greek Flutter (5-1); 3, Boro Smackeroo (11-4). 3 ran. 12l, 20l. D Nicholson. Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.70. CSF: £3.15.

2.00 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Call My Guest (E Callaghan, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Malawi (5-1); 3, Master Toby (11-2). Waylon 9-4 jt-fav. 9 ran. 25l, 6l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £2.90; £1.50, £1.40, £1.20. DF: £5.50. Trio: £4.60. CSF: £13.55. Tricast: £50.68.

2.30 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Gallateen (A Dobbin, 7-2); 2, Padaventure (9-1); 3, Valiant Warrior (9-1). Strong Sound 6-4 fav. 7 ran. 4l, nk. G Richards. Tote: £3.50; £2.20, £2.70. DF: £9.90. CSF: £28.76.

3.00 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Scotton Banks (L Wyer, 11-2); 2, Amadeus (20-1); 3, Vulpin De Laugere (4-1). Bay Mischief Evens fav. 7 ran. 25l, 30l. M H Easterby. Tote: £6.10; £2.20, £3.50. DF: £36.20. CSF: £74.28.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, Lomond Mist (D Bridgwater, 50-1); 2, Golden Hello (4-6 fav); 3, Rambollina (50-1). 12 ran. 4l, 2l. J Johnson. Tote: £24.80; £3.90, £1.30, £7.10. DF: £29.50. CSF: £82.16.

Placepot: £229.20. Quadpot: £53.50.

Newton Abbot

Going: heavy

12.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Namaste (M Richards, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Pioneer Pete (14-1); 3, Sirka (5-2 jt-fav). 14 ran. NR: Crystal Cone. 5l, 8l. R Hoad. Tote: £23.60; £2.40, £3.30, £1.20. DF: £52.90. CSF: £40.43. No bid.

1.20 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Elite Reg (R Dunwoody, 11-2); 2, Whylor (12-1); 3, Djebel Prince (7-2). Miss Marigold 5-2 fav. 9 ran. Dist, sh hd. M Pipe. Tote: £6.40; £2.20, £5.10, £1.00. DF: £73.50. Trio: £33.40. CSF: £61.91. Tricast: £241.61.

1.50 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Greenhill Tare Away (Peter Hobbs, 6-4 fav); 2, Switch (10-1); 3, Cache Fleur (14-1). 9 ran. Nk, hd. P Hobbs. Tote: £3.00; £1.40, £1.50, £5.40. DF: £13.30. Trio: £61.70. CSF: £16.53. Tricast: £146.18.

2.20 (3m 2f 110yd) 1, Celtic Prince (T Jenks, 11-4); 2, Vicompt De Valmont (7-4 fav); 3, Rufus (14-1). 8 ran. NR: Pop Song, Tammy's Friend. 1½l, 13l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £5.50; £1.80, £1.30, £4.70. DF: £3.80. Trio: £65.00. CSF: £7.76. Tricast: £49.08.

2.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Irkutsk (R Dunwoody, 100-30 fav); 2, Lying Eyes (11-2); 3, Eskimo Nel (5-1). 13 ran. 8l, 1½l. M Pipe. Tote: £4.00; £1.90, £1.60, £1.70. DF: £23.20. CSF: £22.54.

3.20 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Mister Oddy (T Jenks, 6-4 fav); 2, Bold Choice (12-1); 3, Saflaah (5-1). 8 ran. 9l, 11l. J King. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £3.70, £2.50. DF: £24.50. CSF: £18.16. Tricast: £68.12.

3.50 (2m 1f flat) 1, Big Strand (R Dunwoody, 6-1); 2, Ballyea Boy (9-4 fav); 3, Alle The Great (7-1). 16 ran. 8l, 8l. M Pipe. Tote: £6.30; £3.40, £1.20, £2.90. DF: £14.10. CSF: £24.11.

Placepot: £21.00. Quadpot: £8.70.

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

12.10 Spencer's Revenge. 12.40 Cask. 1.10 Allinson's Mate. 1.40 Phoenix Venture. 2.10 Emily-Mou. 2.40 Atlantic Way. 3.10 Always Grace. 3.40 Bangles.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 12.40 **CASK (nap).** 1.10 Gallery Artist. 1.40 Phoenix Venture.

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.10 RIVER IDLE CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: £2,398: 1m) (16 runners)

1 0510 ARCTIC DIAMOND 27 (D,G,S) D Nicholls 3-8-13 Alex Greaves 10
2 0430 SPENCER'S REVENGE 22 (CD,G) Lord Huntingdon 5-8-11 ... J Weaver 13
3 /04 PUFFY 23 (V,F,G,S) M Dods 7-8-9 ... Dale Gibson 7
4 0000 SCOTTISH PARK 27 (D,F,G,S) R Emery 5-8-6 ... T Williams 11
5 0000 BROCTUNE GOLD 49 (S) Mrs M Reveley 3-8-5 ... W Woods 12
6 1600 KING OF THE HORSE 16 (V,G) W Storey 3-8-5 D R McCabe (5) 9
7 -000 MILLSOLIN 53 (G,S) R Akehurst 6-8-5 ... T Quinn 16
8 0000 GENESIS FOUR 16 (B) A Potts 4-8-3 ... B Doyle 4
9 3014 MARY MACBLAIN 60 (D,F) J L Harris 5-8-2 ... N Varley (5) 5
10 0600 BALLAD DANCER 49J (F,G,S) J Mackie 9-8-1 ... N Carlisle 3
11 -030 GIVE IN 36 (CD,G,S) Miss G Kelleway 7-8-1 ... L Charnock 8
12 0000 PRIME MOVER 16 (B,C,G) D Chapman 6-8-1 ... J Fanning 1
13 0005 CHARLIES DREAM 25J (D,G) K Burke 3-8-0 ... J Quinn 14
14 4506 NELLIE'S GAMBLE 16 (CD,G,S) J Eyre 4-8-0 ... D Wright (5) 2
15 0006 ARRASAS LADY 5 R Flower 4-7-10 ... Stephen Davies 15
16 4060 SURPRISE BREEZE 26 (F) R Whitaker 3-7-8 ... S Lanigan (7) 6

3-1 Spencer's Revenge, 5-1 Broctune Gold, 6-1 Millsolin, 8-1 others.

12.40 SEVERN MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,918: 7f) (16)

1 0 BARGASH 28 P Evans 9-0 ... D Biggs 9
2 64 BARREL OF HOPE 12 J Eyre 9-0 ... J Fortune 1
3 4203 DAILY CHALLENGER 91 Ronald Thompson 9-0 T Williams 15
4 0 HERE COMES HERBIE 16 W Storey 9-0 ... D R McCabe (5) 3
5 0 IT IS NOW 11 M Tompkins 9-0 ... S Mulvey (5) 4
6 00 MUSIC PLEASE 9 M Prescott 9-0 ... G Duffield 12
7 64 SHOOTER 12B P Cole 9-0 ... T Quinn 13
8 0 SHOT THE SHERIFF 12 P Cole 9-0 ... A Clark 16
9 0005 UPEX LE GOLD TOO 16 Mrs A Swinbank 9-0 ... T Ives 11
10 WINTERBOTTOM R Charlton 9-0 ... J Weaver 2
11 0 BRACKEN 16 A Smith 8-9 ... J Stack (5) 8
12 CASK J Gosden 8-9 ... Dale Gibson 6
13 0 MYSTOSKI 37 M Tompkins 8-9 ... W Woods 14
14 00 PENDINE 18 S Williams 8-9 ... P McCabe (5) 5
15 PINK PETAL C Hill 8-9 ... N Adams 10
16 STATINA M Bielby 8-9 ... S D Williams 7

2-1 Winterbottom, 3-1 Cask, 5-1 Daily Challenger, 7-1 Shooter, 8-1 others.

1.10 RIVER IDLE CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: £2,398: 1m) (16)

1 0506 MAJBOOR 30 (D,S) P McMahon 5-9-5 ... S Sanders (5) 6
2 4030 ALLINSON'S MATE 18 (C,D,F,G) T Barron 6-8-13 ... J Fortune 8
3 3444 CERTAIN WAY 18 (CD,G) N Littmoden 4-8-12 ... T G McLaughlin (5) 4
4 1000 ACHARES 12 (B,D,S) J Dunlop 3-8-9 ... J Weaver 16
5 -206 AS SUCH 156 (G) N Callaghan 3-8-9 ... D Griffiths (5) 5
6 0653 BATTLE COLOURS 30 (D,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-9 ... S D Williams 10
7 0000 CAPTAIN MARMALADE 6J (CD,G) D Thom 5-8-7 ... D R McCabe (5) 11
8 0240 NO SUBMISSION 27 (CD,G,S) D Chapman 8-8-7 ... J Quinn 15
9 5530 RAD 32 (C,G) S Woods 4-8-7 ... W Woods 13
10 230- AMENABLE 394 (CD,F,G,S) B Richmond 3-8-5 ... J Stack (5) 7
11 4304 ACROSS THE BAY 30 (D,F,G,S) R Emery 7-8-3 G Bardwell 12
12 0504 LANGTONIAN 54 (G) J Eyre 5-8-3 ... N Carlisle 14
13 2002 GALLERY ARTIST 46 (C,D,G,S) R Guest 6-8-2 D Wright (5) 9
14 0-00 CHRISTIAN WARRIOR 36 R Peacock 5-8-1 ... N Adams 2
15 0000 SCREWBALL ANACONDA 22 (F) C James 3-8-0 ... C Adamson (7) 3
16 0-00 MIDLIN 23 J L Harris 4-7-12 ... N Varley (5) 1

9-2 Battle Colours, 6-1 Allinson's Mate, 7-1 Achares, 8-1 others.

1.40 SHARPES INTERNATIONAL-SANCHO HANDICAP (£3,009: 7f) (16)

1 0160 DREAM CARRIER 13 (CD,F,G) T Barron 6-10-0 ... J Fortune 6
2 0500 SHUTTLECOCK 19 (D,G,S) N Littmoden 3-9-13 C Teague (7) 9
3 6005 MULLITOVER 12 (D,S) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-13 Stephen Davies 8
4 2050 PHOENIX VENTURE 22 (D,G) S Woods 3-9-13 ... W Woods 12
5 4030 DESERT LORE 12 (G) Mrs J Ramsden 3-9-11 ... M Wigham 15
6 0015 BERGE 32 (C,BF,G) W O'Gorman 3-9-8 ... T Ives 1
7 0412 SANDMOOR DENIM 12 (CD,F,G) S Bowring 7-9-6 ... G Strange (7) 14
8 3264 CAHERASS COURT 18 B Preece 3-9-6 ... S Sanders (5) 3
9 0660 LOVE LEGEND 23 (C,F,G,S) D Arbuthnot 9-9-5 ... J Weaver 13
10 0006 ROSINA'S FOLLY 23 R Hollinshead 3-9-4 ... N Carlisle 16
11 1653 ST MARTHA 13 (D,G,S) M Tompkins 4-9-1 ... S Mulvey (5) 7
12 3600 PRIM LASS 20 Lord Huntingdon 3-9-1 ... A Clark 5
13 1030 OFF THE AIR 63J (V CD,G,S) I Campbell 3-9-1 ... Dale Gibson 2
14 6530 BOGART 54 C Fairhurst 3-9-1 ... J Stack (5) 11
15 62 HAWWAM 16 (D,F,S) E Alston 8-8-12 ... J Quinn 10
16 5050 MARSH ARAB 22 J Arnold 3-5-12 ... G Duffield 4

5-1 Hawwam, 7-1 Desert Lore, Sandmoor Denim, 8-1 Mullitover, 9-1 others

2.10 FIBRESAND NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,905: 7f) (16)

1 030 EMILY-MOU 27 (BF) E Dunlop 9-7 ... J Stack (5) 8
2 4104 TEE TEE TOO 32 (G) P Haslam 9-2 ... J Weaver 13
3 600 ADVANCE EAST 12 Mrs J Ramsden 8-9 ... M Wigham 9
4 0051 MISTER FIRE EYES 9 (D,S) C Brittain 8-9 (6ex) ... B Doyle 14
5 5400 BOLD PALMELLA 58 Mrs J Ramsden 8-6 ... J Fanning 5
6 5301 CRYSTAL LOOP 18 (G) A Bailey 8-6 ... D Wright (5) 16
7 000 JILLY JAFFA CAKE 53 D Arbuthnot 8-6 ... S Whitworth 4
8 4150 SHARED RISK 15 (C,G) S Norton 8-4 ... J Quinn 3
9 2300 WESTCOURT PRINCESS 44 (B) M W Easterby 8-4 ... L Charnock 11
10 0100 BEX HILL 23 (D,G) D Haydn Jones 8-3 ... S Drowne (5) 12
11 1583 SAINT AMIGO 15 (D,S) J Eyre 8-2 ... G Duffield 15
12 0234 MAC'S TAXI 161 (BF) P Haslam 8-2 ... Dale Gibson 6
13 1050 PRINCE RUDOLF 34 (B,G) N Littmoden 8-1 ... C Teague (7) 7
14 0004 BOUNDARY EXPRESS 34 M Johnston 7-13 ... T Williams 10
15 0650 NEEDWOOD NEWT 29 B McMahon 7-12 ... S Sanders (5) 1
16 5000 QUALITAIR RIDGE 74 J Bottomley 7-11 ... N Kennedy 2

4-1 Emily-Mou, 6-1 Mister Fire Eyes, 7-1 Crystal Loop, 8-1 others.

2.40 RIVER DEVON SELLING STAKES (£2,190: 1m 6f) (16)

1 2120 ATLANTIC WAY 72 (CD,BF,F,G) C Hill 6-9-3 ... J Quinn 2
2 0300 BEAUMOOD 4 (V,F,G,S) E Alston 8-9-3 ... J Fortune 13
3 0000 DUPAD 51 P Howling 4-9-3 ... S Drowne (5) 12
4 0-46 MR GERAN 55J (B) B Falling 5-9-3 ... Stephen Davies 14
5 5000 SASSIVER 4 R Hollinshead 4-9-3 ... T Ives 7
6 /00 TOP VILLAIN 32 (C,F,G) J Dooler 8-9-3 ... S Webster 16
7 1200 DAWN ROCK 32 (B,C,G) P Kelleway 3-9-1 ... M Wigham 10
8 0000 FIABA 19 (C,G) C Williams 6-8-12 ... R Perham 11
9 0056 GREENACRES STAR 30 B McMahon 4-8-12 ... J Weaver 15
10 3100 FLORA BELLE 9 (V,BF,S) Lord Huntingdon 3-8-10 W Woods 1
11 0230 LOVE OF THE NORTH 51 (C,G) R Juckes 5-8-10 A Garth (5) 4
12 0040 SHAWN CUDDY 16 J L Harris 3-8-10 ... S D Williams 3
13 0430 SUNDAY NEWS'N'ECHO 13 (G) W Storey 3-8-10 ... D R McCabe (5) 8
14 5500 CRISTAL SPRINGS 28 B McMath 3-8-5 ... A Clark 5
15 5033 CRUISING CHICA 60 S Norton 3-8-5 ... N Varley (5) 6
16 0040 GLENVALLY 16 (B) B Murray 3-8-5 ... D Griffiths (5) 9

4-1 Atlantic Way, 5-1 Sunday News'N Echo, 7-1 Dawn Rock, 8-1 others.

3.10 BRITVIC MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,892: 6f) (16)

1 3423 CHADLEIGH LAKE 4 R Hollinshead 9-0 ... T Ives 9
2 CHASE THE MELODY M Heaton-Ellis 9-0 ... W Woods 3
3 3602 HIGH FLOWN 34 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 ... S D Williams 12
4 0 HOSWINONAME 11 D Nicholls 9-0 ... Alex Greaves 4
5 05 ISM 46 M Hem 9-0 ... A Clark 5
6 0005 MAGIC LEADER 19 T Clement 9-0 ... S Lanigan (7) 1
7 04 SHINEROLLA 16 Mrs J Ramsden 9-0 ... J Fanning 2
8 00 AL TOTSEVA 187 M Muggeridge 8-9 ... J Quinn 11
9 3320 ALWAYS GRACE 11 Miss G Kelleway 8-9 ... J Weaver 14
10 50 BEBE POMME 58 Mrs N Macauley 8-9 ... Dale Gibson 15
11 HASTY BID C Hill 8-9 ... N Adams 13
12 TAEL OF SILVER K Burke 8-9 ... Stephen Davies 7
13 TAPPING FEET M Prescott 8-9 ... G Duffield 10
14 00 WARWICK MIST 16 P Haslam 8-9 ... M Tebbutt 6
15 WASBLEST M Johnston 8-9 ... T Williams 16
16 00 WHITTINGHAM GIRL 23 J Berry 8-9 ... Le Tolboll 8

3-1 High Flown, 5-1 Always Grace, 6-1 Shinerolla, 8-1 Ism, 10-1 others.

3.40 TRENT NAVIGATION HANDICAP (£3,303: 5f) (17)

1 2001 PRESS THE BELL 11 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 4-10-0 P Roberts (7) 3
2 0001 SADDLEHOME 42 (D,F,G,S) T Barron 5-9-13 ... J Fortune 5
3 3500 SPENDER 30 (CD,F) P Harris 5-9-11 ... G Duffield 6
4 1205 BROADSTAIRS BEAUTY 21 (B,CD,G,S) S Bowring 4-9-10 ... G Strange (7) 9
5 56-0 SISON 32 (D,G) K Wingrove 4-9-8 ... D Biggs 4
6 0-00 BIT OF A LARK 32 (D,F,S) D Morris 6-9-8 ... Stephen Davies 17
7 1365 BANGLES 32 (D,F,G) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-6 ... J Weaver 1
8 3060 LOVELY ME 11 (B) R Johnson Houghton 3-9-3 S Whitworth 11
9 4220 CROFT POOL 11 J Glover 5-9-3 ... T Ives 13
10 5110 DELROB 49 (CD,G) D Haydn Jones 3-9-2 ... S Drowne (5) 10
11 2630 ROCKY TWO 65 (B,D,BF G) P Howling 3-9-1 ... W Woods 7
12 3000 SIR TASKER 30 (CD,F,G) J L Harris 6-9-0 ... N Varley (5) 14
13 0000 PERTEMPS FLYER 44 B McMahon 3-8-13 ... S Sanders (5) 12
14 0024 PRIMULA BAIRN 11 (V,D,BF G,S) Mrs J Ramsden 4-8-13 ... S D Williams 8
15 0040 ORTHORHOMBUS 23 (B,D,F) D Cosgrove 5-8-11 M Wigham 15
16 2006 GREY TOPPA 44 (D,F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-11 ... J Fanning 16
17 2223 LITTLE IBNR 15 (C,G) P Evans 3-8-11 ... J Stack (5) 2

5-1 Saddlehome, 6-1 Press The Bell, Primula Bairn, 8-1 others

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J Gosden, 9 winners from 27 runners, 33.3%; R Akehurst, 4 from 12, 33.3%; Mrs M Reveley, 17 from 45, 25.0%; Lord Huntingdon, 24 from 99, 24.2%; S Norton, 34 from 169, 20.1%.
JOCKEYS: Alex Greaves, 57 winners from 279 rides, 20.4%; J Weaver, 15 from 94, 19.1%; M Tebbutt, 11 from 61, 18%; D Biggs, 35 from 195, 16.9%; K Darley, 21 from 125, 16.8%.

Malcolm's late burst to no avail as New South Wales triumph

England's failings exposed by Slater

FROM ALAN LEE
CRICKET CORRESPONDENT
IN NEWCASTLE

FOR public consumption, Michael Atherton wore the mask of an untroubled man. "I'm not overly concerned," he said in response to England's four-wicket defeat by New South Wales here yesterday. Privately, with the Test series against Australia nine days away and his team performing like the outsiders they are, he cannot possibly be so sanguine.

This was not, eventually, the caning it had promised to be when the Sheffield Shield champions went into tea only 50 runs short of their 208-run target and with eight wickets standing. Four of those fell for 22 runs in ten purposeful overs from Phil Tufnell and Devon Malcolm. A remarkable England win was briefly possible.

It was four overs into the final hour, in failing light and with feathers ruffled, that New South Wales finally secured their third consecutive win over an England touring side. As Mark Taylor, captain of his state and country, stressed afterwards, this spoke well of the competitive qualities of Atherton's team.

"It showed fighting spirit," Taylor said. "They were down and out at tea but they came out fighting. There is a harder edge to them under Atherton." But having paid his compliments, and pointed out that the all-conquering 1989 Australians lost their opening first-class game in England, Taylor gave a cheerfully damning assessment of what lies ahead. "If we can play to our potential, we shouldn't have any trouble retaining the Ashes."

On this evidence, Taylor is safe in his confidence. Although Atherton is entitled to his belief that England will raise their game when it matters, because Test cricket concentrates the mind so much more than warm-up fixtures, this was a worryingly sketchy performance. "A bit sub-standard in all departments," the England captain agreed.

Batting of impressive pedigree by Taylor, Mark Waugh and, yesterday, Michael Slater reinforced the feeling that Australia's run-making potential is greater than England's. In fact, such were the higher planes to which these three elevated the game that it asked a question about England's capacity to dismiss Australia at all.

On top of this, England continue to flounder with some of the game's fundamentals. Their fielding is cumbersome, occasionally comical, and the running between wickets is wastefully ponderous, especially by contrast with the nimble Slater.

There was something revealing, too, in the way that the two New South Wales spin bowlers could frustrate and bemuse, albeit on a helpful pitch. It was not lost on Taylor, who avoided mentioning Shane Warne by name but could not keep the relish out of his voice as he said: "We'll be looking to try and expose them with spin throughout the series."

One man has already been exposed. Mike Gatting's lonely labours against lack of form and self-confidence lasted only another four overs at start of play. The plan, discussed with Atherton, had been to occupy the crease as long as possible, so Gatting's hot-headed rush at Anthony Kershler, resulting in a stumping by three yards, was not quite what was required. It has, however, solved one of the remaining selection issues. Barring accidents, John Crawley will surely now start the series at No 6.

Two more sacrificial strokes hastened England's demise, their last five wickets falling for 44 runs in 70 minutes, and Craig White's responsible 46 was ended by a classical outswinger from Wayne Holdsworth.

Fifty runs short of a realistic target, England now needed to make a swift breach. Instead, Malcolm bowled two overs that were too short, too wide and too slow to trouble Taylor and Slater. They cost 18 runs, whereupon Malcolm was banished to the deep until after tea, when he returned looking a different bowler.

The England spinners benefited from a long bowl and, while Shaun Udal's length was inconsistent, Tufnell bowled with variety and zest. He broke the opening stand at 94 and then, after Waugh had given reminders of his fallibility, featured in a prolonged and fascinating duel with Slater, whose balletic footwork carried him within six runs of a century before Tufnell snared his man through a slower ball and a return catch.

Michael Bevan, oddly out of sorts in this game, was leg-before playing no shot to Tufnell and Malcolm then generated such intimidating pace in the gathering gloom that Brad McNamara turned his back on the ball that dismissed him and Neil Maxwell appeared not to see the first few balls he faced. It was a spirited rally, an encouraging end, but one assertive hour must not mask the messages of four disturbing days.

SCOREBOARD

ENGLAND XI: First Innings 208 (G A Hick 73, J P Crawley 71, G P Thorpe 67, B E McNamara 4 for 50)

Second Innings

†S J Rhodes lbw b Lee	16
*M A Atherton c Taylor b Robertson	37
G A Hick b Holdsworth	12
G P Thorpe c Lee b Kershler	27
M W Gatting st Glassuck b Kershler	33
J P Crawley c and b Kershler	14
C White b Holdsworth	46
P A J DeFreitas c Waugh b Robertson	11
S D Udal c Kershler b Holdsworth	9
D E Malcolm b McNamara	5
P C R Tufnell not out	0
Extras (b 8, lb 11, w 1, nb 14)	34
Total	244

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-48, 3-102, 4-125, 5-149, 6-200, 7-215, 8-237, 9-244

BOWLING: Holdsworth 15-4-40-3, Lee 11-3-50-1, McNamara 10.2-5-18-1, Robertson 23-13-53-2, Waugh 6-1-15-0, Kershler 20-9-41-3, Bevan 1-1-0-0, Maxwell 10-4-8-0

NEW SOUTH WALES: First Innings 366 (M A Taylor 150, M E Waugh 30, D E Malcolm 4-91)

Second Innings

M J Slater c and b Tufnell	94
*M A Taylor c Rhodes b Tufnell	47
M E Waugh c and b Udal	0
M G Bevan lbw b Tufnell	30
B E McNamara lbw b Malcolm	0
S Lee b Malcolm	9
N D Maxwell not out	21
†G A Glassuck not out	15
Extras (lb 3, nb 2)	5
Total (6 wkts)	211

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-94, 2-97, 3-162, 4-165, 5-169, 6-184.

BOWLING: DeFreitas 8-2-14-0, Malcolm 9-1-34-2, White 4-0-14-0, Udal 14.5-0-69-1, Tufnell 23-5-67-3, Hick 4-1-10-0

Umpires: D B Hair and W P Sheahan



GRAHAM MORRIS

Slater pulls Tufnell for four during his innings of 94 that paved the way for New South Wales to beat England in Newcastle yesterday

Thorne scorns lowly status

BY PHIL YATES

ANYONE who watched Willie Thorne establish a 6-2 overnight lead against Gary Wilkinson in the second round of the Royal Liver Assurance United Kingdom snooker championship at Preston yesterday must have found it difficult to believe he is struggling at 32nd in the provisional world rankings.

Thorne needed only 31 minutes to win the opening four frames. He compiled a 105 break, in the first before additional runs of 104, 85, 46 and 58 were included in a stunning sequence from Thorne over the next three.

In the face of such a barrage, Wilkinson did well to recover to 2-4 but Thorne, at 40 still one of the most stylish players in the game, accounted for the closing two frames of the session with further runs of 39, 46 and 54.

Alex Higgins, another seemingly rejuvenated 40-something, is also well placed to reach the last 16. Higgins, the 1983 UK champion, who surprisingly beat Nigel Bond 9-4 in the previous round, ran up a 119 break on the way to leading Drew Henry 5-3.

Should Higgins, 45, convert that advantage into victory today he could meet Steve Davis, his old adversary, in a televised last-16 match. However, Davis must first complete the not-inconsiderable task of overcoming Dave Harold, runner-up in the recent Skoda Grand Prix.

In a session as highly tactical as Thorne's was free-flowing, Harold fell the odd frame behind on three occasions but a last red-to-pink clearance in the eighth frame enabled him to end the afternoon on level terms at 4-4.

John Parrott, the 1991 UK champion, and James Wattana, the world No 3, successfully exploited the inexperience of their opponents to guarantee commanding leads. Parrott, who had not won a match this season until he beat Tony Jones in the last 64, was 7-1 up on Nick Marsh while Wattana moved 6-2 ahead against Richard McDonald and constructed breaks of 114 and 116 in the process.

SCORES: Second round: W Thorne (Eng) leads G Wilkinson (Eng) 6-2; A Higgins (N Ire) leads D Henry (Scot) 5-3; J Wattana (Thai) leads R McDonald (Scot) 6-2; A Robidoux (Can) leads T Griffiths (Wales) 5-3; F O'Brien (Ire) leads J Burnett (Scot) 7-1; S Davis (Eng) level with D Harold (Eng) 4-4; J Parrott (Eng) leads N Marsh (Eng) 7-1; M Williams (Wales) leads A Drago (Malta) 5-3

Hanley surveys damage

BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

THE make-up of the Great Britain rugby league team to meet Australia in the deciding international at Elland Road, Leeds, on Sunday remained undecided yesterday as Ellery Hanley, the coach, juggled with the options open to him after a succession of injuries to leading players.

Kelvin Skerrett, the Wigan prop forward, had an X-ray on a recurring thumb injury yesterday and has an outside chance of making the starting line-up, although time is fast running out. Jonathan Davies and Paul Newlove will undergo fitness tests today before the announcement of the side tomorrow. The shoulder Davies partly dislocated in the first international at Wembley has shown steady improvement. Newlove damaged his shoulder in a tackle on Mal Meninga playing for Bradford Northern last Sunday.

Hanley is adamant that no injuries will be carried into the game on Sunday. In the case of Davies failing to recover fully, goalkicking will become a problem. Unless Hanley is planning to persist with Bobby Goulding, the reserve kicker, at scrum half, and to reintroduce Shaun Edwards, the captain, at stand-off half, Andrew Farrell's irregular kicking duties represent a risky last option.

Jeff Grayshon, the former Britain prop, who is still lighting up the second division at 45, has been appointed player-coach at third-placed Batley after the departure last month of David Ward to Featherstone Rovers. Grayshon accepted the offer after a spell in charge as caretaker during which two of three away games were won.

The first-round draw for the Silk Cut Challenge Cup takes place next week and will include the South London and Fulham Travellers clubs after their success in the Southern Counties Cup. The Students Rugby League is represented among the 64 amateur entrants by Leeds Metropolitan University and Cardiff Institute of Higher Education.

Bernard Golby, the former Batley and Halifax hooker, has been appointed as assistant to John Foran, the Great Britain amateur coach, for the international against France at Hull next February and for the tour of South Africa the following month.

Why sport's not-so-nice guys have what it takes

MIDWEEK VIEW



SIMON BARNES

Michael Schumacher finally settled the issue of the Formula One driving championship by driving his rival, Damon Hill, off the track. This shows what a great man he is.

That, at any rate, is the conclusion of Alain Prost, four times a world champion himself: "What he did shows that Schumacher is a real driver, a racer. He did it just instinctively. He closed the door. It is the only thing he could do, and he did it. It was an aggressive act of defensive driving."

It was, in short, an act of pure ruthlessness, a quality that many claim is an essential part of a great champion: more, part of any kind of competent, competitive athlete.

And it is a quality demonstrated in one of the quotidian moral dramas of cricket when a fast bowler clobbers a batsman. What happens next? He can follow it with another of the same — what Dennis Lillee memorably termed a "purposeful" bouncer. Or he can seek to exploit the batsman's fear of the repeated bouncer by inducing a bat-away-from-body dab to the wicketkeeper. Or exploit the back-foot-fearful expectation of another bouncer with a double-bluffing yorker.

The one thing he does not do is give the batsman a gentle ball, well pitched up, to get his confidence back. If you see a weakness, you exploit it. If you see a wound, apply salt. It is all part of the essentially unsporting nature of sport.

This has been elevated into a matter of sporting principle: the overriding belief that nice guys finish last. The notion that any kind of sporting success springs from swaggering boorishness is widespread. It is also palpably false. Gary Lineker in front of goal was ruthless all right, a man wholly without self-doubt. But, over a cup of tea, a man wholly without side.

All the same, it cannot be denied that most athletes of truly overwhelming genius — like any other kind of genius — tend to be uncomfortable people to have around. Ayrton Senna, for example, a man not averse to driving people off the track himself, was not exactly easy-going. The combination of high talent and problematic personality is hardly unique: Maradona, Best, Botham, Hanley, McEnroe, Piggott, Christie, Richards, Faldo — and on and on and on.

This is not necessarily, or not only, a matter of ruthlessness. These are exceptional people, by definition difficult to absorb into any set of circumstances. The trouble is that the existence of such awkward but manifestly brilliant people brings us to a false corollary: if people of genius are difficult, then to be a difficult person *proves* you are a genius. The truth of the matter is that the most difficult and bloody-minded people of all are those who believed they had genius, but who find they have only talent.

Though perhaps just as awkward are the people of genius whose talent dries up. And, in sport, genius is a fleeting, evanescent thing that the years destroy sooner rather than later, leaving only, for some, a rage against the dying of the light. There are certainly a number of those in the above list.

All possess a degree of ruthlessness, and none puts out of court the thesis that nice guys finish last. But you can supplement the list with equally-talented people ostensibly easier to have around: Navratilova, Redgrave, Todd, Pelé.

But there is a degree of ruthlessness about these people too. Perhaps the defining trait of sporting genius is not their ruthlessness towards the weakness of an opponent but their ruthlessness towards themselves. This can be seen in the training that some endure: not just the mere quantity, the hours and the miles, but in the quality: a ruthless, restless striving for excellence in every piece of work, every repetition, a matter that becomes a method of punishing the body and transforming it into an expression of the athlete's will. Ruthlessness towards the self is not to be measured solely in terms of mileage, in gallons of perspiration. It is mental ruthlessness that defines the athlete who is far beyond the common run. Senna and McEnroe remain the most extraordinary examples of self-tormented men.

Such turbulent people cause suffering to opponents as they tend to cause suffering to people all around them. But they themselves are always in the front line of the suffering that they create.

Did their victories alleviate their torments? Were they satisfied? Did sport bring their minds rest? "Many times I find myself in a comfortable position — and I don't feel happy about. It is . . . an enormous desire to go further, to travel beyond my own limits." The words of Ayrton Senna: ruthlessness personified.

RADIO CHOICE

East beckons Chinese Brits

East, West, Hong Kong's Best. *Radio 4, 7.20pm.*

By implication, the title of Sarah Olowe's report is saying: "Thanks Britain, but no thanks!" Olowe went to the British colony to find out why the BBC (not the corporation, but British-born Chinese) are quitting these shores to start a new life in the land of their fathers — and mothers. It is a counter-drift that started as a trickle and is now a stream. It contradicts what the pundits have been saying ever since the countdown began to Britain's hand-over of Hong Kong to China in 1997 — that the BBC will flee the colony in their thousands, seeking the safer shores of Britain. The counter-drifters Olowe talks to are young. The approaching spectre of Peking holds no terrors for them.

Poisoner and Art Critic. *Radio 3, 8.10pm.*

What is this spicy morsel doing, squeezed between Richard Strauss and Schubert in a City of Birmingham SO concert? There is no discernible link between *Tod und Verklärung*, the Symphony No 9, and Nigel Andrew's potted life of the early 19th-century forger, poisoner and art critic Thomas Griffiths Wainewright. But does this plausible villain need another context when literature has already given him one? He is in Dickens's *Little Dorrit*, thinly disguised as the scoundrel Rigaud, and both Swinburne and Wilde assured him of immortality in minor writings. John Moffatt narrates tonight's life of this all-but-forgotten crook, and Alex Jennings as Wainewright mockingly returns from beyond the grave.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo 4.00am Bruno Brookes with the Early Breakfast Show 6.30 Steve Wright in the Morning 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Emma Freud with the Lunchtime Show, and at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Goodier 4.00 Nicky Campbell with Drivetime, including 5.30-6.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session 9.00 Chris Morris 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00 Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo 6.00am Martin Kelner with the Early Show 8.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Sarah Kennedy 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce, including at 10.00 Pick of the Hits 11.30 Anna Ford 2.00pm Angela Rippon 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 Jim Lloyd with Folk on 2 8.00 Who Knows Where the Time Goes — the Story of English Folk Rock: (3/4) 9.00 Frank Hennessy's Wales 9.30 Nigel Ogden: The Organist Entertains 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden with Night Ride 3.00-6.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme with Peter Allen, including at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine with Diana Madill, including at 10.35 Euronews 11.15 Natural History 12.00 Midday with Mair, including at 12.34pm Moneycheck 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide: news and sport 7.00 News Extra, including at 7.20 the day's sport in full 7.35 International Football Night: England v Nigeria. Commentary on the match plus news of Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland in the European Championship 10.05 News Talk, with Jeremy Vine 11.00 Night Extra, including at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours, with Carole Malone 2.00-5.00 Up All Night, with Rhod Sharp

WORLD SERVICE

All times in GMT. 4.30am BBC English 4.45 Fruhmagazin 5.00 Newshour 6.00 Morgenmagazin 6.30 Europe Today 7.00 News 7.15 Off the Shelf 7.30 Andy Kershaw 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 It's Your Business 8.30 Megamix 9.00 News and Business 9.15 Country Style 9.30 Turkey: An Ethnic Mosaic 9.45 Sport 10.00 News 10.01 Omnibus 10.30 Jazz for the Asking 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30 BBC English 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 News 12.10pm Words of Faith 12.15 New Ideas 12.35 Bred In Tooth and Claw 12.45 Sport 1.00 Newshour 2.00 News 2.05 Outlook 2.30 Off the Shelf 2.45 Good Books 3.00 News 3.15 From Our Own Correspondent 3.30 Music; Mirth and Memories of Childhood 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 News and Business 5.15 BBC English 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 Kaleidoskop 8.00 News 8.10 Words of Faith 8.15 The World Today 8.30 Europe Today 9.00 Newshour 10.00 News and Business 10.15 Sport 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 Newsdesk 11.30am Multitrack 12.00 News 12.15 The Greenfield Collection 1.00 News 1.05 Outlook 1.30 Waveguide 1.45 The Farming World 2.00 Newsdesk 2.30 Sport 3.00 News 3.15 Sport 3.30 Assignment 4.00 Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Lunchtime Concerto 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 Gardening Forum (r) 8.00 Evening Concert 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am André Leon

VIRGIN

6.00am Ross 'n' Jono 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 Paul Coyte 2.00-5.00am Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather
7.00 On Air, with Andrew McGregor: Gershwin (Overture: Tip-Toes); Lawes (Fantasia Suite No 4 in C); Bizet (Suite No 1); Poco allegretto (L'Arlésienne); Copland (Preamble for a Solemn Occasion); Bach (Overture, Suite No 3 in D, BWV 1068); Barber (Violin Concerto).
9.00 **Composer of the Week: Rossini.** Excerpts from the operas *La Gazza Ladra*, *Armide* and *Adelaide di Borgogna* (r)
10.00 **Midweek Choice**, with Susan Sharpe. Gershwin (Overture: Strike Up the Band); Schumann (Fugue on Bach); Bach (Violin Sonata in G); Charles Wood (O Thou, the central orb); Liszt, orch Peter Wolf (Hungarian Rhapsody in F minor); Mozart (Flute Quartet in A); Sorabji (Fantaisie espagnole); Britten (Violin Concerto); Wolf (Mignon IV)
12.00 **Muradeli and Myaskovsky:** BBC Scottish SO (r)
1.00pm **Concert Hall**, live from the Wigmore Hall, London. Davitt Moroney, harpsichord. Louis Couperin (Suite in C); François Roberday (Fugue and Caprice); Louis Marchand (Suite in D minor)
2.00 **Schools: Together: An** Assembly for Schools 2.20 Time and Tune: Music Course 2 — Sea Thunder 2.40 Drama Workshop
3.00 **Record Review**, presented by Richard Osborne (r)
4.00 **Choral Evensong**, from Liverpool Cathedral
5.00 **The Music Machine:** The Lindsay Quartet looks at two new works written for it by GCSE students
5.15 **In Tune: Natalie Wheen** presents music, arts news and interviews, including Schubert (Lied in A flat, Op 8 No 5); 6.03 Schubert (Andante con moto, Death and the Maiden); 6.30 Ethel Smyth (Possession); 7.03 Spohr (Finale, Double Quartet in D minor, Op 65)
7.30 **City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra** under Marek Janowski, live from Symphony Hall, Birmingham. Webern (Six Pieces for Orchestra, Op 6); Strauss (Tod und Verklärung). 8.10 Poisoner and Art Critic. See Choice 8.30 Schubert (Symphony No 9 in C, Gayé)
9.30 **Everybody's Shakespeare:** The challenges of presenting Shakespeare in languages other than English
10.00 **A Night at the Opera:** Håkan Hardenberger, trumpet, Christian Lindberg, trombone, Roland Pöntinen, piano. Rossini (Overture: The Barber of Seville); Wagner, transcr Liszt (Isolde's Liebestod); Ligeti, arr Howarth (Mysteries of the Macabre); Bizet (Suite: Carmen) (r)
10.45 **Night Waves** reviews Peter Sellars's *The Merchant of Venice*
11.30-12.30am **Ensemble:** A recital of Russian piano music by Piers Lane. Glazunov (Variations in F sharp minor, Op 72); Schaffke (Variations on a chord); Rachmaninov (Variations on a theme of Chopin, Op 22)
1.00-1.40 **Night School:** German Stories — Buchenpost

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, incl 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today, with the Rev Ruth Scott 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 7.45 Thought for the Day, with Jim Thompson 8.40 Recess Reading 8.58 Weather
9.00 **News 9.05 Midweek:** *The Times* columnist Libby Purves
10.00-10.30 **News; A Good Read** (FM only): Michèle Roberts and guests, writers Liza Cody and John Fletcher, select three paperbacks
10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only)
10.15 **Paradise Regained** (LW only): Episode seven
10.30 **Woman's Hour:** Serial: *Knowledge of Angels*. Incl 11.00 News
11.30 **Gardeners' Question Time:** With Pippa Greenwood, Anne Swithinbank, Bob Flowerdew and chairman Eric Robson (r)
12.00 **News; You and Yours**
12.25pm **Kipling** in Love: In the Pride of His Youth: The fifth of eight plays based on short stories by Rudyard Kipling, dramatised for radio by Ed Thomason. 12.55 Weather
1.00 **The World at One**
1.40 **The Archers** (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 **News; Patricia's Party**, by Tony Mulholland. Pat gets a rare thing in politics — a second chance. With Lucy Tregear, Kim Wall, Gary Bond
2.45 **Treasure Islands:** Jan Francis and Julia Ecclesharе join Michael Rosen to look at new children's books for Christmas
3.00 **News; Anderson Country**
4.00 **News 4.05 Kaleidoscope:** Quentin Cooper reviews the week's film releases including *The Shadow* with Alec Baldwin
4.45 **Short Story: Scafell**, by David Anderson. Read by Eric Allan
5.00 **PM 5.59** Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather
6.00 **Six O'Clock News**
6.30 **Beachcomber . . . By the Way:** With Richard Ingrams, John Wells, John Sessions, Joan Sims, Patricia Routledge and June Whitfield. The further adventures of characters created between the wars by the humorist J.B. Morton
7.00 **News 7.05 The Archers**
7.20 **East, or West, Hong Kong's Best:** See Choice
7.45 **Medicine Now** (r)
8.15 **Cooling the Earth:** Mark Whittaker considers the future of public parks
8.45 **Swansong:** Brian James follows the fortunes of a group of workers as they battle to save the Swan Hunter yard at Wallsend on the Tyne
9.30 **Kaleidoscope** (r) 9.59 Weather
10.00 **The World Tonight**
10.45 **Book at Bedtime: Nights at the Circus**, by Angela Carter. Read by Lesley Manville
11.00 **Magic Moments.** In 1969 the BBC created the television programme *Pot Black* and reinvigorated the game of snooker (r)
11.30 **Today in Parliament** (LW)
11.30 **The Locker Room** (FM only) with Tom Robinson (r)
12.00-12.43am **News**, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW)

RADIO 1: FM 97.6-99.8. RADIO 2: FM 88-90.2. RADIO 3: FM 90-92.4. RADIO 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM 92.4-94.6; LW 198. RADIO 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. LONDON RADIO: 1152kHz/260m; FM 97.3. CAPITAL: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: FM 94.9; WORLD SERVICE: MW 648kHz/463m. CLASSIC FM: FM 100-102. VIRGIN: MW 1215, 1197, 1242 kHz. Listings compiled by Peter Dear and Gillian Massey

Hostilities continue as usual on all fronts

Unmentioned as yet by the new physics, in soap opera the passage of time is so wayward and elastic that it makes you feel quite queasy if you stare at it without chewing. Sometimes events appear to keep pace with real time — so that when Cindy in EastEnders says she'll go swimming "on Thursday", the viewer expects it in Thursday's episode. But when big, intense stories come along, weeks of real time can elapse while the story progresses by only a few hours.

Years ago, when Clyde and Michelle legged it from Clyde's murder charge, time was dragged out so membrane-thin that when the police finally charged him, mentioning the date, it came as a complete shock. In *EastEnders* it was still September. Beyond Albert Square, however, people had already started opening the windows on their advent calendars.

Something similar is happening now with the Grant-Sharon-Phil saga, which inches along like a glacier with the handbrake on and last night, in a Grant-and-Phil two-hander "special", *reached the* point of Everybody Blames Sharon — *a recognised stage in* Post Biblical Adultery Revelation Syndrome, but *still* laborious enough for the viewers to feel restless. I mean to say, are you shocked any longer that Phil went to bed with Sharon? I'm not. With the bust-ups *of friends and relatives in real life,* we get impatient if they demand *sympathy* too long. Grant is being such a slow-coach. "You screwed my wife!" he yelled emptily at Phil in his hospital bed. Yeah, yeah.

Curious that after life-endangering brain surgery Phil was left alone all night at the mercy of a homicidal nutcase with a grudge, but that's the cuts for you. These occasional *EastEnders* "specials" featuring just two or three actors have all *sorts of purposes:* last night's was quite obviously functional.

First, it restored the brothers' friendship, and was less difficult to *justify narratively than Grant* waking up and finding it was all a dream. And second, it flushed out a big nasty tangle of Hollywood clichés — got them all done with, in one go. "Sharon was the only decent thing I ever had. The only thing *that* was clean, *proper*... You were supposed to look after *me! Ever since* we were kids we shared everything!" It's a shame Harry Enfield has already laid claim to The Self Righteous Brothers. We've got another right pair here.

A special relationship was yet again the subject of **Natural Neighbours** (BBC 1), a series of diverse wildlife films *under a jokey banner, all narrated* by Griff Rhys Jones whether *facetiousness suits the material or* not. Last night it didn't. Still, *Addicted to Swans* was a beautiful film, featuring stunning photography of swans in flight, shown against tinkly, magical music in arty slow-motion.

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

The human "natural neighbour" *element was integral — an obsessive* Scottish swan-watcher with a *poetic turn of phrase — but the* swan's claim to universal human *admiration was undermined by* the inconvenient fact that swans who end up in a sanctuary at Egham are found to have been "choked, beaten, electrocuted and poisoned". *As the swans doubtless* remark to one another from adjacent hospital beds. "Royal protection is a nebulous concept!".

The addicted poet-man was set down with his binoculars *amid the* sublime, windy, tree-less scenery *of Iceland to watch whooper swans* in their summer homes, witnessing for the first time the hatching of the fluffy white cygnets (whoopers have yellow and black beaks and make honk-honk noises). He was overwhelmed, but nevertheless kept a proper distance, unlike the other humans featured, who *had clearly forgotten that a swan* can break your arm.

On the River Wye lives a terrifying swan called George — a *feathery version of the Wrath of* God. A rowing skiff plashes innocently past, scarcely rippling the green surface, and George rises grimly in the water (in dramatic *slow-motion),* stretches his enormous wings like Pegasus, and beats a path of awful *vengeance* towards the offending crew, finally crashing bodily into their boat. With this swan, it's personal. If George had a gun, he'd use it.

John Pilger's **Network First** (ITV) was a *purposeful*, George-like attack on the British arms trade, which in the honourable tradition of polemical television, used all the rhetorical ammunition it could lay hands on. Pilger's strength is that he can deplore dispassionately — which is quite a trick. What he deplored last *night was mainly Britain's traffic* of arms to countries with terrible *human rights records, but he also* deplored those who had personally *profited from such arms deals (old* shots of Baroness Thatcher and the boy Mark coincidentally on screen each time anything fishy was insinuated).

All this was certainly deplorable, but Pilger surely lost his *polemical advantage when he* widened the issue and blamed defence spending for homelessness, the condition of the NHS, the inadequacy of public transport and the demoralisation of school-teachers. "It has been estimated," *he said loftily (by whom? where?)* that if the money spent on nuclear submarines had been put to other uses, it might have resolved all these modern ills. His point was that the Thatcher years made us a military economy, flogging guns to psychos, helping to litter the world with landmines which blow up *peasants. But between his attacks* on the arms deals and the defence *budget there seemed to be flaws in* the argument. Don't arm these powers, *they're dangerous:* but we are plain daft to arm ourselves, when nobody's going to attack us.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (22061)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (98269332)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (2056516)

10.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (5397448)

10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick. Weekday magazine (s) (9985177)

10.40 The State Opening of Parliament. The Queen delivers the speech outlining the Government's proposed legislation for the coming session. Presented by Vivian White (s) (2436055)

12.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (7445784) **12.05pm Pebble Mill** with Ross King (s) (8095142) **12.55 Regional News** *and weather* (26474993)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (33516)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (55751332) **1.50 The Great British Quiz** (s) (55762448)

2.15 The Rockford Files. Private detective series starring James Garner (r) (9676697) **3.05 Lifeline.** John Humphrys with an appeal on behalf of Shelter (r). (Ceefax) (s) (6131622)

3.15 Droopy Double Bill (r) (6128158) **3.30 Secret Life of Toys** (s) (4238581) **3.40 Noddy** (s) (4326245) **3.55 Mortimer and Arabel** (s) (4243968) **4.10 Dinobables** (7673974) **4.30 Growing Up Wild.** Terry Nutkins investigates Australia's wildlife (s) (5230500)

4.55 Newsround (2571974) **5.05 Grange Hill** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2158719)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (465790)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (871)

6.30 Regional news magazines (351)

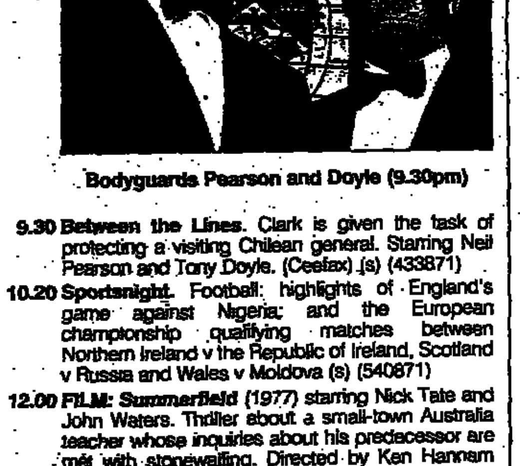
7.00 This Is Your Life. Michael Aspel with a potted biography of another unsuspecting worthy. (Ceefax) (s) (5871)

7.30 Here and Now. *An investigation into Britain's first rodent study for 20 years* (535)

8.00 How Do They Do That? Desmond Lynam and Jenny Hull reveal the tricks of the film and television trade. (Ceefax) (s) (564993)

8.45 Points of View with Anne Robinson. (Ceefax) (s) (915871)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (9622)



Bodyguards Pearson and Doyle (9.30pm)

9.30 Between the Lines. Clark is given the task of protecting a visiting Chilean general. Starring Neil Pearson and Tony Doyle. (Ceefax) (s) (433871)

10.20 Sportsnight. Football: highlights of England's game against Nigeria; and the European championship qualifying matches between Northern Ireland v the Republic of Ireland, Scotland v Russia and Wales v Moldova (s) (540871)

12.00 FILM: Summerfield (1977) starring Nick Tate and John Waters. Thriller about a small-town Australia teacher whose inquiries about his predecessor are met with stonewalling. Directed by Ken Hannam (567098)

1.35am Weather (9630727). **Ends at 1.40**

4.00-4.45 BBC Select: *TV Edits – French 3 TV3* (2874901)

BBC2

7.00 Crystal Tipps and Alistair (r) (8129697) **7.05 Teddy Trucks** (r) (s) (8128968) **7.10 Thundercats** (r) (2059069) **7.35 It'll Never Work** (r). (Ceefax) (9745429)

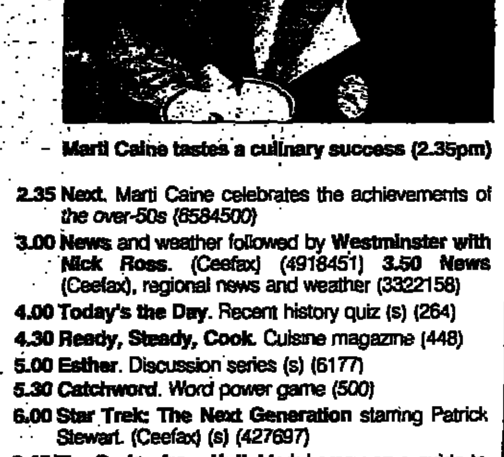
8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (6851581)

8.15 Pride of Dress (3070018)

8.25 Jerusalem – of Heaven and Earth (8235158) **8.50 A Week to Remember** (b/w) (r) (1195332)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes. Plus, for children, **10.00-25** Playdays (6249581) **2.00** Penny Crayon (55637559)

2.10 Songs of Praise (r). (Ceefax) (s) (23110142)



Marti Caine tastes a culinary success (2.35pm)

2.35 Next. Marti Caine celebrates the achievements of *the over-50s* (6584500)

3.00 News and weather followed by **Westminster with Nick Ross.** (Ceefax) (4918451) **3.50 News** (Ceefax), regional news and weather (3322158)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (264)

4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook. Cuisine magazine (448)

5.00 Esther. Discussion series (s) (6177)

5.30 Catchword. Word power game (500)

6.00 Star Trek: The Next Generation starring Patrick Stewart. (Ceefax) (s) (427697)

6.45 The Series from Hell. Mark Lamarr on a guide to job hell. (Ceefax) (s) (224326)

7.00 Lifeswaps. A "New Man" swaps places with an East End bouncer and a couple with a gadget-filled, automated home change places with an organic farmer living on a remote Welsh hillside farm. (Ceefax) (s) (3413)

7.30 Shakespeare – the Animated Tales. *As You Like It.* (Ceefax) (s) (177)

8.00 NEW **Wildlife Showcase.** The everyday life of a housefly. (Ceefax) (s) (5061)

8.30 University Challenge. Birkbeck College, London, v *Queen's University, Belfast (s)* (8968)

9.00 Grace under Fire. American comedy series (106103). (Ceefax) (s)

9.25 CHOICE **Great Journeys: The Zambezi.** (Ceefax) (s) (2429806)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (362719)

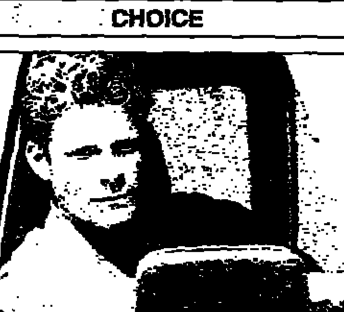
11.15 The Late Show. Includes an interview with Nigerian Nobel Prize-winning writer, Wole Soyinka (s) (870448) **11.55 Weather** (677158)

12.00 News *followed by* **The Midnight Hour.** A new series on the day's business in Parliament (7184982). Ends at **1.05am**

2.00-3.30 Night School: Modern Languages – Lernexpress (95949) **4.00-4.15 BBC Select: Benefits Agency Today** (r) (61809098)

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CHOICE



George Asprey as Sean Devereux (ITV, 8.00pm)

The Dying of the Light
ITV, 8.00pm

Taking its title from Dylan Thomas, a two-hour drama recreates the dangerous life and violent death of Sean Devereux (George Asprey), the Unicef volunteer shot dead in Somalia in January 1993. Only 28 when he died, Devereux had spent much of his adult life in the world's hot spots. The film reminds us that before Somalia it was Liberia, another African country torn by civil war. Although his role as an aid worker demanded neutrality, Devereux was never afraid to speak out, both against the warlords and the Western powers who supplied them with arms. While critical of Western involvement in the Third World, *The Dying of the Light* raises pertinent questions, too, about the role and effectiveness of the United Nations

Great Journeys
BBC2, 9.25pm

The comedienne Sandi Toksvig launches a new series of celebrity travels as she tackles the 1,700 miles of the *Zambezi River from Zambia to the Indian Ocean. True* to her calling, Toksvig makes much of the *"incompetent abroad" routine, whether it is trying to* paddle a canoe or being terrified by the prospect of a *hungry crocodile. But even she suspends the* jokes when the Victoria Falls loom up. She is gobsmacked *and does not try to pretend otherwise. The gags are* also set aside for sharp words about Portuguese rule in *Mozambique and a sympathetic account of how the* people are making the best of things after a generation of civil war. The film is a tribute to Toksvig's father, who paddled his own Zambezi canoe 30 years before.

Dispatches
Channel 4, 9.00pm

The collapse of the Government's attempt to sell off the *Post Office is a good moment to look back at how other* public utilities were transferred to the private sector. *Critics who say that it has meant fat salaries for bosses* and higher prices for consumers will find ample *ammunition here. The film claims that the* privatisation of gas, water, electricity and British *Telecom has created at least 50 new millionaires. At* the same time lack of competition, and effective regulation, meant high prices and vast profits. Consumers, the film claims, have paid £4 billion more than they need have done. Lords Tebbit and Parkinson appear for the defence. Even they concede that not all has been as they would have wished.

Counter Culture: the Precinct
Channel 4, 9.45pm

The excellent little series on aspects of shopping concludes with a sad film from the Midlands. Thirty *years ago the new shopping precinct was acclaimed as* a triumph for its architect and a boon for residents. *Now the shops are fighting a grim and uphill* battle against vandalism and theft. Metal shutters, unheard of in happier times, routinely go up at closing time. Doors are reinforced with bars and steel plates. Video cameras run night and day. But the burglaries go on remorselessly. Tied to long leases, the shopkeepers are unable to walk away. Their stories are depressing. Employed in a chemist's that was robbed almost daily, Jeff says he felt his stomach churning every time he came into work.

Peter Waymark

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (3388535)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (4334326) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) (s) (6339158)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (8971974)

10.35 This Morning. Weekday family magazine (73682887) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7441968)

12.30 News *(Teletext) and weather* (1803121)

12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (5207582)

1.25 Home and Away Australian family drama series. (Teletext) (20203429)

1.55 Capital Woman with Anneka Rice (52391351)

2.25 A Country Practice. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (s) (23208351) **2.50 The Young Doctors** Australian hospital drama (7335974)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (6615993) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6614264)

3.30 Alphabet Castle (s) (4331177) **3.40 Wizadora** (s) (3240500) **3.50 Old Bear Stories** (s) (4335993) **4.05 Warner Brothers Cartoon** (3862719) **4.10 Wolf It** (Teletext) (8146158) **4.40 Woof!** (Teletext) (s) (5618944)

5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (2140158)

5.40 ITN Early Evening News (Teletext) and weather (902326)

5.55 Your Shout. Members of the public air their views (359326)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (239)

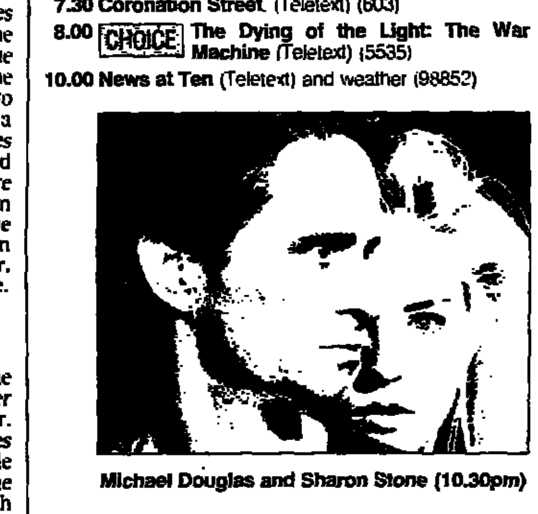
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (719)

7.00 Take Your Pick. Des O'Connor hosts the updated version of the 1960s show, with the help of Gayle and Gillian Blakeney. (Teletext) (s) (7239)

7.30 Coronation Street. (Teletext) (603)

8.00 CHOICE **The Dying of the Light: The War Machine** (Teletext) (5535)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (98852)



Michael Douglas and Sharon Stone (10.30pm)

10.30 FILM: Basic Instinct (1992) starring Michael Douglas as an unconventional policeman who becomes obsessed with the sensual and provocative girlfriend of a murder victim, even though she seems to be the prime suspect. With Sharon Stone. Directed by Paul Verhoeven (20863055)

12.50am Indian Tales. The Carlton Bursary winner about a young woman who takes revenge on her philandering fiancé (2492833)

1.00 Beyond Reality Tales of the paranormal. An actress asks for help when a ghost haunts her rehearsals (r) (68253)

1.30 Hollywood Report (s) (48123)

2.00 The Beat with Gary Crowley (s) (60104)

3.00 The Album Show with Lynn Parsons (s) (86291)

4.00 Georges Bizet: Suite L'Arlesienne (s) (50562)

4.30 The Chrystal Rose Show *People who have overcome the barriers of class, age, race or sex reveal the secrets of their success (r) (s)* (17386)

5.00 America's Top Ten (s) (88765)

5.30 ITN Morning News (38611). Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Terrytoons Classic cartoons (4012784)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (50239)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (88429)

9.30 Schools. Good Health (8788581) **9.46** Talk, Write and Read (8874332) **10.02** Stage Two Science (8275535) **10.18** Mind Your Own Business (818114) **10.40** The Technology Programme (1546326) **10.55** Film and Video Showcase (6903326) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (9551429) **11.15** Art Adventures (9644719) **11.30** Rat-a-Tat-Tat (3507158) **11.45** First Edition (3422413)

12.00 House to House. Maya Even reports on yesterday's parliamentary proceedings (91993)

12.30 Sesame Street *Early learning entertainment. The guest is the comedy actress Rosie O'Donnell (48516)* **1.30 Hullabaloo** *with Floella Benjamin (s).* Followed by **Dig and Dug** (s) (17429)

2.00 FILM: A Stolen Face *(1952, b/w) starring Paul* Henreid and Lizabeth Scott. A Hammer thriller about *a female criminal who has her face changed by* plastic surgery. Directed by Terence Fisher (3034784)

3.20 La Poulette Grise. Animation (6604887)

3.30 Maiden Voyages. Dee Reid, who is black, and her white friend, Michelle Enright, visit Ghana (r) (Teletext) (697)

4.00 Waterways. Dick Warner on the second leg of his six-part journey across Ireland's inland waterways. (Teletext) (s) (332)

4.30 Fifteen To One (Teletext) (s) (516)

5.00 Ricki Lake. *The guests are husbands who only* want male children. (Teletext) (s) (2279245)

5.50 Terrytoons. Cartoons (445177)

6.00 Mork and Mindy Comedy starring Robin Williams, Pam Dawber and, this week, William Shatner (r) (561)

6.30 Boy Meets World Rites of passage comedy (Teletext) (s) (531)

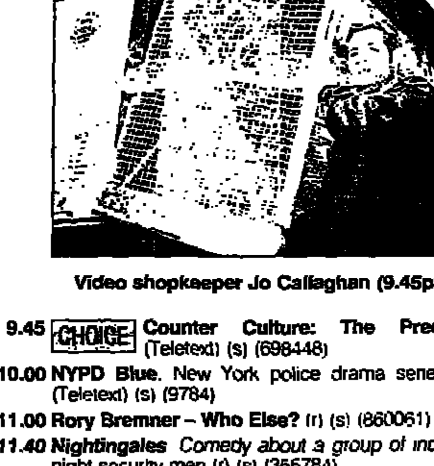
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (990993)

7.50 Belfast Lessons (147603)

8.00 Brookside (Teletext) (s) (7429)

8.30 Travelog Reports from Berlin and on surfing at Woolacombe (Teletext) (s) (9264)

9.00 CHOICE **Dispatches.** (Teletext) (549245)



Video shopkeeper Jo Callaghan (9.45pm)

9.45 CHOICE **Counter Culture: The Precinct** (Teletext) (s) (698448)

10.00 NYPD Blue. New York police drama series (r) (Teletext) (s) (9784)

11.00 Rory Bremner – Who Else? (r) (s) (860061)

11.40 Nightingales *Comedy about a group of indolent* night security men (r) (s) (355784)

12.10am LA Law. *Courtroom drama series (s)* (3632369)

1.10 FILM: One Good Turn (1936, b/w) starring Leslie Fuller. Comedy about a coffee stall worker who saves his landlady and her daughter from a conman. Directed by Alfred Goulding (4493543)

2.25 Mission Eureka Episode five of the seven-part science fiction adventure (r) (2834494). Ends **3.20**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News (6339158) **12.20pm-12.30** Anglia News (7441968) **1.55** A Country Practice (55756887) **2.20** Gardening Time (23290332) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7335974) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News (6614264) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2140158) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (124603) **12.50am** Harvey Shine Presents (2492833) **1.00** Rockabye (795185) **2.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (80630) **3.15** The Album Show (5529543) **4.10** Jobfinder (68635814) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (5690348)

CENTRAL
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (6339158) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (7441968) **1.55** A Country Practice (55756887) **2.20** Gardening Time (23290332) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (7335974) **3.25-3.30** Central News (6614264) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (2140158) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (124603) **10.30** Central News and Weather (756239) **1.00am-1.30** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (86253) **4.00** Jobfinder (7665494) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (2375253)

GRANADA
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (6339158) **12.20pm-12.30** Granada News (7441968) **12.55** Shortland Street (5207582) **1.25** *Home and Away* (87478806) **1.50** Crosses - The Richest Man In The World (9785784) **2.50-3.20** Coronation Street (7335974) **3.25-3.30** Granada News (6614264) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (2140158) **6.25** *Granada Tonight* (704852) **6.50** The Bradshaws (574968) **7.00-7.30** Take Your Pick (7239) **10.30** Granada News (756239) **1.00am** Rockabye (795185) **2.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (80630) **3.15** The Album Show (5529543) **4.10** Jobfinder (68635814) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (5690348)

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.55 The Primitives (3772239) **3.10-3.20** Cartoon Time (3223603) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (6614264) **5.10-5.40** *A Country Practice* (2140158) **5.55** Home and Away (461974) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (124603) **1.00am** Rockabye (795185) **2.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (80630). **3.15** The Album Show (5529543) **4.10** *Jobfinder* (68635814) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (5690348)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 12.20pm-12.30 *HTV News* (7441968) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (6614264) **6.25-7.00** Wales Tonight (124603) **10.30-10.40** HTV News (756239)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (6339158) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (7441968) **1.55** A Country Practice (55756887) **2.20** Loud and Clear (23290332) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (7335974) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (6614264) **5.10** Home and Away (2140158) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes - Making It Happen (435790) **6.00** *Meridian Tonight* (239) **6.30-7.00** Girls, Girls, Girls (719) **10.30** Meridian News and Weather (756239) **1.00am-1.30** One to One (86253) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (88765)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (6339158) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (7623516) **12.25-12.30** My Story (7622887) **1.55** High Road (52391351) *2.25-2.55 Westcountry Focus* - Fair's Fair (23299603) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (6614264) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (2140158) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (28535) **10.30** Westcountry News, Weather (756239) **1.00am** Rockabye (795185) **2.45** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (80630) **3.15** The Album Show (5529543) **4.10** Jobfinder (68635814) **4.35-5.30** Sport AM (5690348)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: **9.55-10.00** Calendar News and Weather (6339158) **1.55** A Country Practice (55756887) **2.20-2.50** Look and Cook (23290332) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bisdale Network North (6614264) *5.10-5.40 Home and Away* (2140158) **5.55** Calendar (157806) **6.30-7.00** Runway (719) **12.50am** The Equalizer (8343253) **1.45** Hollywood Report (31938) **2.15** Videofashion (98659) **2.45** The Album Show (595982) **3.45** Noisy Mothers (8057920) **4.40-5.30** Jobfinder (1549820)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (50239) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (88429) **9.30** Ysgolion (168177) **12.00pm** Pil-droed. Pencampwriaeth Ewrop (81859210) **2.05** Slot Meithrin Sam (23293429) **2.30** Teen Of The Storm Country (32448) **4.00** Screaming Reels (832) **4.30** Gamesmaster (518) **5.00** 5 Pump (1631968) **5.20** 5 Pump (4672429) **5.30** Fifteen To One (968) **6.00** *Newyddion* (805635) **6.20** Heno (882546) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (8581) **7.30** Brodyr Bach (245) **8.00** Pengelli (7429) **8.30** Newyddion (8264) **9.00** Dim Ond Cell (892974) **9.35** Rap (134210) **10.00** Brookside (93622) **10.30** Cutting Edge (25332) **11.30** Dispatches (575516) **12.15am** Ellen Anchor (81415) **12.45** The World Of Hammer: The Costume Adventure (31955)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat Show (78451) **8.00** Power Rangers (8115245) **8.45** Cartoons (9314910) **9.30** Card Sharks (69852) **10.00** Concentration (8785719) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (9458413) **10.30** *Candid Camera* (36351) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (91500) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (26603) **12.30pm** E Street (70968) **1.00** *Falcon Crest* (84351) **2.00** Sins (47245) **3.00** The Trials of Rosie O'Neill (9792719) **3.50** DJ Kat Show (1428790) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (8500) **6.00** Gamesworld (4413) **6.30** Spellbound (1993) **7.00** E Street (9429) **7.30** M*A*S*H (7177) **8.00** One West Waikiki (80910) **9.00** The Wanderer (96974) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (99061) **11.00** David Letterman (448111) **11.45** WIOU (390595) **12.45am** Barney Miller (24098) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (14611)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (5346177) **9.30** Entertainment This Week (78332) **10.30** ABC Nightline (33993) **1.30** CBS News (67784) **2.30pm** Parliament Live (78210) **5.00** Live at Five (6142) **6.00** *Richard Littlejohn* (61121) **9.30** Sky News Extra (36871) **11.30** CBS News (45622) **12.30am** ABC News (9861746) **1.10** Littlejohn (7569630) **2.30** Parliament Replay (19543) **4.30** CBS Evening News (46185) **5.30** ABC News (84291)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (7494177) **10.00 The Legend of Wolf Mountain** (1992)(74784) **12.00 Dreamchild** (1985)(807871) **1.40pm Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines** (1965) (45863603) **4.00 Red Line 7000** (1965) (6332) **6.00 The Legend of Wolf Mountain** (1992): As 10am (61167) **8.00 Roommates** (1993) (77535) **10.00 Hush Little Baby** (1993) (182871) **11.35 Secret Games** (1991) (392581) **1.15am The Positively True Adventures of the Alleged Texas Cheerleader** (1993) (692659) **2.50 Cowboys Don't Cry** (1987) (372949) **4.35-6.00 Dreamchild** (1985) As noon (5059017)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00am Broken Arrow (1950) (79245) **8.00 Jesse James** (1939) (74790) **10.00-12.00 Hellraiser** (1987) (59993)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am *Rhapsody in August* (1991) (29149) **8.00 Freddie as FRO7** (1992) (63239) **10.00 My Girl** (1991) (72326) **12.00 The Lord of the Rings** (1978) (70007974) **2.15pm Mutiny on the Buses** (1973) (886413) **4.00 Freddie as FRO7** (1992). As 8am (56624993) *5.55 Year of the Comet* (1992) (56628603) **7.30 Special Feature** (3577) **8.00 Memoirs of an Invisible Man** (1992) (11644) **10.00 Lethal Weapon 3** (1992) (62429) **12.00 Dirty Work** (1992) (98340) **1.30am Death in Small Doses** (1993) (686123) **3.05 Deliver Them from Evil: The Taking of Alta View** (1993) (876475) **4.40-6.00** *Mutiny on the Buses* (1973) As 2.15pm (4880017)

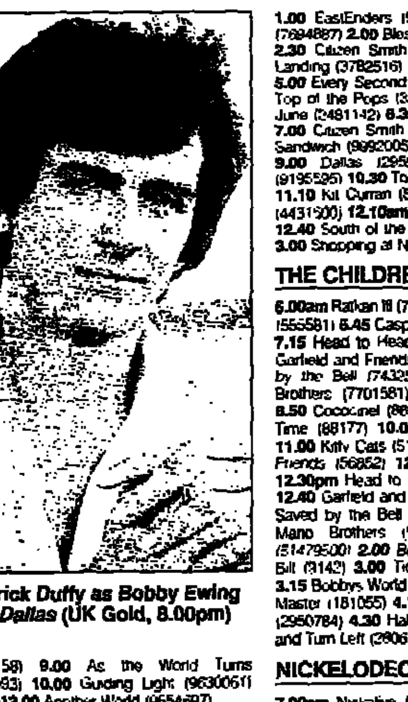
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SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (8670581) **7.15** WWF Superstars (615177) **8.15** Soccer News (9510993) **8.30** Surfing (71622) **9.30** Aerobics Oz Style (65177) **10.00** Ford Scoplo Golf USA (72413) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (46500) **12.30pm** Football (68332) **2.30** Grass Roots Rugby (7142) **3.00** ATP Tennis (85210) **5.00** WWF Challenge (2158) **5.00** Soccer News (414852) **6.15** Sports Classics (515535) **6.30** Get Your Handicap Down (5351) **7.00** International Football, Live: England v Nigeria (44729448) **10.15** Soccer News (929600) **10.30** ATP Tennis (68682) **12.30-2.30am** Football (54456)

EUROSPORT
7.30am Step Aerobics (26264) **8.00** Athletics (50429) **9.00** Figure Skating (94177) **11.00** Snooker (39784) **12.00** Snooker (77968) **1.00pm** Eurotennis (59516) **2.00** Sailing (1239) *2.30 Badminton* (36581) **3.30** Equestrianism (30142) **4.30** Rally (74719) **5.30** Formula One (57516) **6.30** News (7719) **7.00** Prime Time Boxing Special (27993) **9.00** Motors (52500) **10.00** Football (26697) **12.00-12.30am** Eurosport News (24456)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Travel Destinations (8219974) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (3368210) **1.00** Roads to Freedom (9558413) **1.30** Pierre Franey (3387581) **2.00** American Adventurer (2206239) **2.30** Ticket to Paradise (5742535) **3.00** Travel Destinations (2381974) **3.30** *Mansion* (5841852) **4.00** *Roads to Freedom* (5733887) **4.30** Kids Down Under (5658871) **5.00** Ticket to Paradise (2393719) **5.30** Pierre Franey (5746351) **6.00** Getaway (3476429) **7.00** American Adventurer (2200055) *7.30 Around the World* (5050500) **8.00** Travel Guide (1766041) **9.00** Getaway (2312185) **10.00** Video Trips (8210609) **10.30** Cruising the Globe (8223351) **11.00** Cooking in France (7130210) **11.30-12.00** Mansion (5115871)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (8216887) **8.30** Peyton Place (8215158) **9.00** As the World Turns (5416993) **10.00** Guiding Light (9630061) **11.00-12.00** Another World (9554697)



Patrick Duffy as Bobby Ewing in *Dallas* (UK Gold, 8.00pm)

TLC
9.00am The Joy of Painting (3354697) **9.30** Simply Delicious in France and Italy (6658871) **10.00** Talking Heads (2731790) **10.30** Only Human (3693887) **11.30** Breaking the Habit (6654351) **12.00** The Opposite Sex (6944622) **1.00pm** Simply Delicious in France and Italy (1024561) **1.30** The Joy of Painting (6931158) **2.00** Life is for Living (1809790) **2.30** Private Lives (2654622) **3.00** Cyril Fletcher's Television Garden (1722697) **3.30-4.00** Running Repairs (2560239)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (9722852) **7.30** *Neighbours* (9814887) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (3795559) **8.30** EastEnders (3694500) **9.00** The Bill (9999992) **9.30** Buccaneer (9997142) **10.30** When the Boat Comes In (48670697) **11.35** The Sullivans (19500687) **12.00** *Sons and Daughters* (2866950) **12.30pm** Neighbours (7695516) **1.00** EastEnders (9827351) **1.30** The Bill (7694887) **2.00** Bless This House (8602055) **2.30** Citizen Smith (5493090) **3.00** Knots Landing (3782516) **4.00** Dynasty (3794351) **5.00** Every Second Counts (2280177) **5.35** Top of the Pops (3110061) **5.55** Terry and June (2481142) **6.30** EastEnders (5392041) **7.00** Citizen Smith (8606871) **7.30** Colin's Sandwich (9992005) **8.00** Dallas (2666413) **9.00** Dallas (2959177) **10.00** The Bill (9195295) **10.30** Top of the Pops (9183622) **11.10** Kit Curran (5179603) **11.40** Dr Who (4431500) **12.10am** The Goodies (3245369) **12.40** South of the Border (6218814) **1.40-3.00** Shopping at Night

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Ratkan III (7460121) **6.15** Bobobobs (555581) **6.45** Casper and Friends (554852) **7.15** Head to Head in 3D (3613072) **7.25** Garfield and Friends (4177968) **7.55** Saved *by the Bell* (7432564) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (7701581) **8.40** Tilou (8696351) **8.50** Coccinel (8692535) **9.00** Its Droibee Time (88177) **10.00** Portland Bill (22581) **11.00** Kitty Cats (51351) **11.30** Barney and *Friends* (56852) **12.00** *Ratkan III* (60158) **12.30pm** Head to Head in 3D (39802264) **12.40** Garfield and Friends (1064429) **1.10** Saved by the Bell (70059719) **1.40** Super Mario Brothers (51553516) **1.50** Tilou (5147950) **2.00** *Babar* (1871) **2.30** Binky Bill (3142) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (2472719) **3.15** Bobbys World (182784) **3.45** The Bots Master (181055) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (2950784) **4.30** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (2806)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Nickalive (8774351) **7.15** Grimmy (647595) **7.45** *Rugrats* (450856) **8.15** Ren and Stimpy (8518535) **8.30** Real Ghostbusters (2570351) **8.45** Nickalive (2575806) **9.00** Nick Jr (192429) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (44142) **12.30pm** Rugrats (67535) **1.00** Doug (19974) **1.30** The Chipmunks (66806) **2.00** Denver (7413) **2.30** Smoggies (5784) **3.00** Nick Faves (9448) **3.30** Attack of the Killer Tomatoes (5559) **4.00** Turtles Gold (2264) **4.30** Rugrats (8448) **5.00** Clarissa (4993) **5.30** Doug (9500) **6.00** Grimmy (6413) **6.30-7.00** Are You Afraid of *the Dark?* (3993)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm Life in the Wild (8542564) **4.30** The *Coral Reef* (2142528) **5.00** A Traveller's Guide to the Orient (8797177) **5.30** The New Explorers (9198608) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (7601177) **7.00** Predators (2951535) **8.00** Invention (8786061) **8.30** Bush Tucker Man (8609968) **9.00** *The Infinite Voyage* (2957719) **10.00** Fields of Armour (1995577)

10.30 Spies (5690185) **11.00** Terra X (3793622) **11.30-12.00** Encyclopedia Galactica (4550528)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM: Monster from the Ocean Floor (1954) (2995535) **1.30pm** Donny and Marie Show (7516055) **2.00** The Avengers (5900069) **3.00** My Three Sons (8789158) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (8643513) **4.00** FILM: Baxter (1972) (8783974) **6.00** The Protectors (2243577) **6.30** Cannon (3394993) **7.30** Scotland Yard (2348121) **8.00** The Avengers (2851581) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (3785603) **9.30** FILM: Stryker (1983) (4447993) **11.30-12.00** Patrol (5106662)

UK LIVING
6.00am Best of Anne and Nick (5835535) **8.00** *All Well and Good* (3359142) **8.30** Women Mean Business (3358413) **9.00** Ken Hom's Chinese Cookery (1803210) **9.35** Definition (3951993) **10.00** Trivia Trap (2733158) **10.30** Susan Powter (3441177) **11.00** *The Young and the Restless* (1111061) **12.00** The Calendar Fashion Show (1677906) **12.35pm** Kilroy (1854603) **1.30** Bazaar (6853326) **2.00** Agony Hour (2734887) **3.00** Living Magazine (3476332) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (24814210) **4.00** Infatuation UK (2567142) **4.30** Definition (49118413) **4.55** Floyd on Britain and Ireland (6806210) **5.30** Fale and Alle (2850806) **6.00** Maternal World (2657719) **6.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (2568871) **7.00** Living Magazine (1623516) **8.00** The *Young and the Restless* (1632264) **9.00** Cagney and Lacey (1549500) **10.00** Charlie's Angels (1622887) **11.00-12.00** Love Life (1036326)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00pm *Adventures of Tintin* (8351) **5.30** Boogies Diner (3158) **6.00** Ocean Odyssey (6041) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (7351) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (5887) **7.30** Evening Shade (3535) **8.00** Road to Avonlea (83448) **9.00** The Ruth Rendell Mystery Movie (86535) **11.00** Lou Grant (23210) **12.00** Rhoda (71388) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (35098) **1.00** Family Catchphrase (81920) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (28943) **2.00** Boogies Diner (47678) **2.30** Big Brother Jake (26185) **3.00** Lou Grant (12661) **4.00** Rhoda (21630) **4.30** Evening Shade (79185)

MTV
5.00am Awake on the Wildside (27659) **6.30** *The Grind* (76087) **7.00** *The European Music Awards Spotlight* (29448) **7.30** Awake on the Wildside (35055) **8.00** VJ Ingo (323697) **10.30** European Awards Spotlight (71264) **11.00** Soul (17603) **12.00** Greatest Hits (91516) **1.00pm** Afternoon Mix (26582) **3.00** *European Awards Spotlight* (5264) **3.30** The Report (9744531) **3.45** Cinematic (4794036) **4.00** News (2042719) **4.15** 3 from 1 (2952142) **4.30** Dial (4264) **5.00** Music Non-Stop (81451) **6.30** The Zig and Zag Show (3581) **7.00** Greatest Hits (7245) **7.30** European Music Awards Spotlight (5993) **8.00** Most Wanted (51535) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (92245) **10.00** The Report (724142) **10.15** Cinematic (729697) **10.30** News (563581) **10.45** 3 from 1 (664264) **11.00** The End? (24177) **1.00** Soul (99543) **2.00** The Grind (49036) **2.30-5.00** Videos (154869)

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7.00am Crawling from the Wreckage (9557784) **9.00** Café (1466719) **12.00** The Bridge (6129535) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (3731516) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8466055) **3.30** Into the Music (8965887) **6.00** Prime Cuts (3478887) **7.00** For You (5261451) **8.00** Soul (4708789) **9.00** Ten of the Best (6786013) **10.00** The Bridge (3323239) **11.30** Today's Top 5 (5297429) **12.00** The Nightfly (2414273) **2.00am** Prime Cuts (1179974) **3.00** Soul (6799140) **4.00** Ten of *the Best* (1528340) **5.00-7.00** Dawn Patrol

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6.00am Persian Dawn (64055) **7.00** Asian *Morning* (96906) **8.30** *Bunyaad* (80968) **9.00** Regional Movie (658055) **12.00** New Serial (84784) **12.30pm** Serial (58167) **1.00** Hindi FILM (561055) **4.00** Kiddie Time (2606) **4.30** TVA and You (16719) **5.30-6.00** Bunyaad (7784) **7.00** Bhangra Top Ten (1429) **7.30** Zameen Aasman (9177) **8.00** News (1167) **8.30** Sports (6784) **9.00** Hindi FILM (309142) **12.00** Asian Morning (925123) **1.35am** Sight and Sound (81309494)

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England's home rule threatened

Venables wise to danger from Nigeria

BY ROB HUGHES, FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

THE day, or the night, is coming when England fall prey on their own soil to the growing strength of African football. Those who scoff at the thought, who think that it cannot be tonight at Wembley against Nigeria, have no respect for natural ability.

"Don't be ashamed when you lose this match," Amadu Shuaibu, the caretaker manager of Nigeria, said, perhaps with the hint of a smile. Knowing that he takes possession of some of the finest African players yet born, Shuaibu adds seriously enough: "What makes you think defeat by us would be the biggest upset?

"Is it because you never imagined a black nation could come and beat England? Perhaps you forget there is evolution in this game of football, and that the English game went down for a very long time."

Nothing should be forgotten. Nigeria were a force at the World Cup, their defence mean to the point of brutal, their attack full of lightning-fast counter-strikes, their midfield gifted but unpredictable. Though Shuaibu feels some sympathy for Terry Venables — "a new coach with a new team and you should allow him time" — the English bookmakers have perhaps wounded his pride by offering odds of 5-1 against Nigeria. Perhaps, even in this week when betting is taboo in English football, those odds should be taken.

One does not have to consider the way that Nigeria fell in the World Cup, with just 1min 40sec left when Roberto Baggio equalised against them for Italy, to fear them. Also this year, in April, Nigeria won the African nations' cup, and won it with a breathtaking goal. It involved strength, co-ordination and comfort with the ball.

That ball was passed nine times, with Austin Okocha, just 21 and already a celebrated playmaker in the German *Bundesliga* involved three times. Okocha almost did not make it for the match tonight, missing his flight from Frankfurt on Monday.

He was here by the training session at Wembley last night and his soothing influence on the ball will surely embed itself again into the heart of a team led from the front by the muscular, dynamic Rashidi Yekini.

He has at least two willing forward aids, to his right Daniel Amokachi, whom Everton say has overcome his hamstring injury, to his left Emmanuel Amunike, from Sporting Lisbon.

At the back, Venables rightly fears the Nigerians, who have a reputation for wild and hurtful challenges. They have lost Stephen Keshi, the indomitable organiser of defence, and rely instead on some defenders who won the 1989 world youth championship. "Their exaggerated roughness, so tough as to endanger the opponent, became intolerable," was the official verdict from Fifa, the sport's world governing body, on that tournament.

Shuaibu claims that, while they come to win, the Nigerians' uppermost thought is to entertain. And England? All change. The team contains six changes from that which drew, while being outwitted on the ball, with Romania last month. Some of the change is voluntary — for example, the welcome reintroduction of Tim Flowers in goal — but some of it is forced.

At the heart of defence are the untried Neil Ruddock and Steve Howey. Ruddock has most things but the pace that could be critical against Yekini. His chequered career, a struggle against temperament, was first rescued by Venables at Tottenham Hotspur, then lapsed into unseemly thuggishness under Graeme Souness at Liverpool, and now appears serene again under another Liverpool manager, Roy Evans.

Howey, by instinct a forward, has been catapulted to this level in defence. He possesses perception and courage, but could have done with more Premiership football than his alarming struggles against groin injury have permitted.

Perhaps wisely, Venables has opted to deploy David Platt, his captain, who is playing his fiftieth match for England, in a holding role in the absence of Paul Ince. This should ensure that space is restricted in front of the new centre backs.

This means that Robert Lee, a player whose surging runs replicate Platt's, will be given the freedom to forage forwards, linking with his Newcastle club-mate, Peter Beardsley, and supporting and perhaps feeding off Alan Shearer.

With John Barnes now re-established on merit on the left of midfield, Venables's one mild surprise is the recall of Dennis Wise on the right. The choice of Wise ahead of Matthew Le Tissier and Steve McManaman surprised many. It says much about Venables, about his preference for a temperamental but busy player, to Le Tissier, who is sometimes too passive for the England coach.

"Wise is a winner," Venables said yesterday. "I'm a fan of his. He's underrated, he passes the ball well, he will score goals, he plays for the team." Maybe, but even Venables concedes that Wise must keep his aggression under control. If he does, he could be the key to England's performance.

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Charlton's optimism, page 44

ENGLAND TEAM

	Age	Caps	Gls
T Flowers (Blackburn)	27	2	-
R Jones (Liverpool)	23	6	-
S Howey (Newcastle)	23	-	-
N Ruddock (Liverpool)	26	-	-
G Le Saux (Blackburn)	26	5	-
D Wise (Chelsea)	27	7	1
R Lee (Newcastle)	28	1	1
D Platt (Sampdoria)	28	49	23
J Barnes (Liverpool)	31	75	11
P Beardsley (Newcastle)	33	52	9
A Shearer (Blackburn)	24	12	5



Francis, the former Queens Park Rangers manager, looks forward to the challenge of pastures new with Tottenham at White Hart Lane

Wilkins and Francis gain capital trust

BY JOHN GOODBODY

FOOTBALL'S wheel of fortune turned again yesterday. After another bewildering day of comings and going, several club chairmen were left beaming with satisfaction at their new acquisitions.

Gerry Francis was confirmed as the manager of Tottenham Hotspur, after handing in his resignation at Queens Park Rangers, where Ray Wilkins has succeeded him. Francis's first task was to tell Steve Perryman, the caretaker manager after the dismissal of Osvaldo Ardiles two weeks ago, that he was no longer required. The new manager had hoped to persuade Frank Sibley, his assistant at Loftus Road, to join him at White Hart Lane, but Sibley yesterday decided to stay at QPR and signed a two-and-a-half year contract.

Francis's second task will be to pick the team to play in the Premiership match on Saturday against Aston Villa. The Birmingham club is still without a manager after sacking Ron Atkinson last week.

Wilkins, meanwhile, was released by Crystal Palace and immediately travelled to watch QPR reserves play at Bristol City, who yesterday reappointed Joe Jordan, their former manager. Jordan, who left Stoke City in September, succeeds Russell Osman, who was sacked on Monday.

Although clubs are prepared to pay out compensation to their sacked staff, they cannot always promise their new managers large financial resources for players. Francis has been told that Tottenham has no more money to spend. Under Ardiles, the club spent more than £12 million on transfers yet still conceded 35 goals in 16 games this season.

Francis said: "There is no money to spend, but I have a good record at clubs in similar circumstances. I believe Tottenham have a good, large squad of 44 professionals. My job will be to get them playing and sort the system out.

"I am a tracksuit manager. I hope to make good players even better. We have world-class players. It is up to me to find the blend. That is what I do best."

Francis became unsettled at Loftus Road when the club sought to appoint Rodney Marsh as chief executive without consulting him. He said his ambition was to win the championship with Tottenham, and set himself a target of three or four years in which to do so.

Alan Sugar, the Tottenham chairman, said: "If Gerry makes any cash through selling players, it will be ploughed back into transfers if he wants them. Gerry is a strong character with clear ideas and was confident enough not to demand a longer contract because he believes in himself. That impressed me."

Francis signed a one-year roll-over deal, believed to be worth around £250,000. "I am happy with that," he said. "I like to be in control of my own destiny, with no long, binding agreements on either side. I am not really looking for security."

Wilkins will be player-manager at QPR. The 38-year-old former England captain said he was delighted that Sibley would be staying to work alongside him. "Like me, he feels that Rangers are a very special club," Wilkins said.

He ended speculation that Les Ferdinand, the England forward, would be leaving Loftus Road to join Arsenal for £4.5 million. Wilkins said: "No one will be leaving until the end of the season.

"Rangers are at the wrong end of the table, but the potential is there. I hope we can pick ourselves up and move away from the bottom."

☐ Andy Cole is likely to make an early return for Newcastle United against Wimbledon at Selhurst Park on Saturday. It was feared that the striker, who has scored 14 goals this season, would be out until Christmas, but he has now resumed training.

Hill finds strength to steer clear of controversy

David Powell sees the British driver putting a brave face on the wreckage of his ambitions

Break a wishbone, make a wish. Yesterday, Damon Hill made his. "To come back strong next year," he said, which means beating Nigel Mansell and Michael Schumacher to the Formula One world drivers' championship. Sooner or later, Hill has to be world champion, or he will be consigned to the footnotes in the history of sport. One of Britain's gallant losers.

You can think of a few, but here is a start: Frank Bruno, Jeremy Bates, Dave Bedford. Each won huge public sympathy but failed in their ultimate goal. The best-selling tabloid newspapers were full of it yesterday, columns and columns of hard-luck letters, and the fax machine at Williams hardly stopped. "We had something like 250 yesterday morning from people saying to Damon 'you did not win, but you drove a fantastic race'," a representative said.

Hill's arrival at Heathrow yesterday, after the dramatic last race of the season in Adelaide on Sunday, was quiet, not at all a hero's welcome. Hardly anyone noticed him, dressed casually in a jacket with open-necked shirt and carrying a briefcase. Only when press photographers ran after Hill did the arrivals hall stir.

Quiet, too, was the reception for Schumacher, the German who denied Hill the title. Security guards at Frankfurt airport were not needed. "Surely he is worth a bit of applause?" one of Schumacher's aides shouted as the driver entered the press-room to a wall of silence.

The overwhelming perception in Britain is that Hill was denied the title because Schumacher drove into him on the 36th lap of the Australian Grand Prix. There has been no condemnation by Hill. How the journalists who met him at Heathrow tried to elicit one.

Had Schumacher driven at him deliberately? The question was put a dozen ways. Hill, having steered round the subject in his national newspaper column with greater success than he drove *that* corner, continued to keep his judgment to himself.

It was quite a performance after a 22-hour flight, at 6am. He was like a stubborn contestant in *Take Your Pick*, determined not be caught saying "Yes" or "No".

Do you think he closed the door on you? "There is no doubt he was still racing me." Did you feel cheated by the incident? "It's not something I feel any anger towards Michael for."

You must have had a chance to look at film of the race. Were Schumacher's actions intentional? "I know that if I had not tried to overtake him and not given him the opportunity to, em, to touch . . ." Gong.

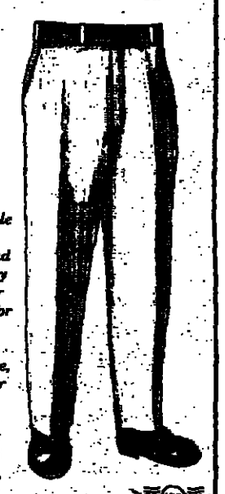
Politely, Hill replied to questions on his contract dispute with Williams and whether he would prefer Mansell or David Coulthard in the team next season, but without giving anything more away.

He got up to leave and *The Sun* stepped in to present him with a silver salver. "Damon Hill, The Real Winner, F1 world drivers' championship 1994," it said. "I don't think I want to do this," Hill said as he posed for a photograph while receiving the salver. He changed his mind and left the salver behind. If only he had been as indecisive on the 36th lap in Adelaide.

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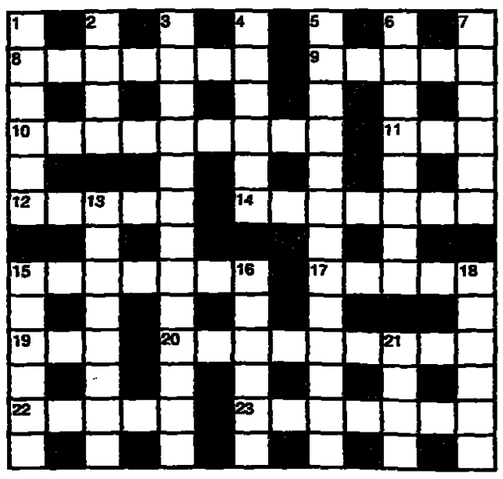
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9 Talk idly (5)
10 Thoroughly (2,3,4)
11 Drag; coarse hemp (3)
12 Drainage channel; discard (5)
14 Contest ruled by luck (7)
15 Egyptian royal tomb (7)
17 Praise highly (5)
19 Base; Blimp creator (3)
20 At present (9)
22 Severe; crucial (5)
23 Dispatch; respectfully attend departure (4,3)

DOWN
1 Matched (in opposition) (6)
2 Disease, inflamed toes (4)
3 Tease (4,3,6)
4 Novel continuing a previous story (6)
5 Disclose a confidence (5,3,5)
6 Abuse (8)
7 Kent river; Caractacus battle defeat (6)
13 Eject (5,3)
15 Column giving support (6)
16 Constraint (6)
18 Stop pestering; hedge (bet) (3,3)
21 Priam's city (4)

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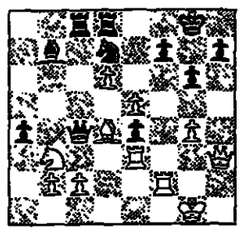
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WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Zak - Chenkin, Israel 1994. Here White alertly spotted the chance to create the structure for a standard checkmating combination. What did he play?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SMIDGE
a. A tiny amount
b. The mosquito
c. To disparage

WANDEROBO
a. An Australian safari
b. A Kenyan tribe
c. Couch grass

TZEDAKA
a. Parsley tisane
b. A Mongol war leader
c. Righteousness

TIENTA
a. Testing bulls
b. Rough pink wine
c. A chess trap

Answers on page 44